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HOTDOG WALK

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Members, friends, and supporters of the Autism Society of the CNMI pose for a group photo after taking part in a so-called hotdog walk from Marpi's Last Command Post to as far up as the Suicide Cliff and back on Saturday afternoon, in observance of Autism Awareness Month. The walk was for anyone and everyone whose lives have been touched by autism in one way or another, and was held in collaboration with the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems Inc., the Developmental Disabilities Council, Northern Marianas College, and other providers. Hotdogs in buns, among other refreshments, were served at the end of the walk.

Protest brews over casino process

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REPORTER

» Commission stands by its decision to reject Marianas Stars

The Lottery Commission said Friday it is standing by its Thursday decision to reject the application of Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc. for failing to timely deposit $30 million in escrow, even as Marianas Stars considers protesting or filing a lawsuit over its application's disqualification after claiming it met the deposit deadline set by law. Any protest or lawsuit could stall the review and grant of an exclusive license to develop a minimum $2 billion casino resort on Saipan.

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2013 YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY

Uptick in no. of students having sex, bullied

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An increasing number of students are engaging in sexual behavior and bullying in school in the last 12 months, according to the results of the 2013 Youth Risk Behavior Survey released by the Public School System on Friday.

Survey results showed that among students who had sex in the past three months, 45 percent used condoms. It was 35.6 percent in 2003; 43.1 percent in 2005; 40.1 percent in 2009; and 42.4 percent in 2011.

Bullying also remains an issue in public schools. Some 19.7 percent of students claim that they experienced being bullied on school property during the past 12 months. This was at 18.5 percent during the 2011 survey.

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Tinian official allegedly submitted fake travel docs

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Tinian Department of Finance resident director Edward Dela Cruz Shai was arrested on Friday after an investigation by the Office of the Public Auditor revealed that he allegedly submitted false travel documents in order to cash per diem checks for his personal use.

Shai, 50, was served with an arrest warrant issued by Superior Court Associ-

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Tinian Department of Finance resident director Edward Dela Cruz Shai is led away by a court marshal after his bail hearing on Friday.

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Guam Legislature OKs live cattle import from the CNMI. PAGE 20

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POLL RESULTS

If the elections were held today, how would you vote on the initiative that proposes to amend Article 12 to allow any U.S. citizen with "at least some degree" of Chamorro or Carolinian blood to be considered a person of Northern Marianas descent?

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During this time of year, thousands of high school seniors eagerly await a thick envelope in the mail from colleges and universities congratulating them on their admission.

Chelsea King, an 18-year-old Saipan native who currently lives in El Paso, Texas, was one of those young hopefuls. King lived on Saipan for 13 years before moving to the U.S. mainland. She attended San Vicente Elementary School from kindergarten to 6th grade, Marianas Baptist Academy when she was in the 7th grade, and Saipan Southern High School in the 10th grade. She intermittently attended school in the U.S. mainland, where she moved as part of her family's military duties. She is now a senior at John L. Chapin High School in El Paso, Texas.

King

While King moved often, she always had one goal in mind—to pursue higher education after graduation. Last month, Stanford University sent King the thick envelope that she had hoped for, with a bonus—acceptance into the university and a full-ride scholarship. A few weeks later, she was named a Gates Millennium Scholar.

Her recent success follows after a long road of adversity, "but it shaped me to become the person I am today. I hope that other youth who face adversity do not let it hold them back and instead, motivate them to pursue something greater."

King also shared her experience with the admission process. "When I got my first rejection letter, I told myself that it is not the end of the world." She encourages other students to remain positive if they are rejected admission to a university. "What matters is what you do and make of yourself at any educational institution," she said.

King said her time on Saipan widened her perspective and made her realize that there is more to life than white, sandy beaches and Sunday afternoon barbecues. However, she also appreciates the guidance she received from educators on Saipan. "Everything I did and accomplished on Saipan is what made my goal clear. The educators there pushed me in the right direction," she said.

While King was on Saipan, she was a member of the youth environmental ambassadors club, math club, peer tutoring

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42 pct. NMI officials fail to file 2013 statements on time

» 30-day grace period ends May 31

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REPORTER

Almost 42 percent or 139 of 334 CNMI government officials required to file their 2013 statement of financial interest failed to meet the May 1 initial filing deadline, based on records obtained from the Office of the Public Auditor on Friday.

The late-filers have a 30-day grace period, which ends on May 31, before OPA starts imposing a $10 fine for each day of delinquency.

Wilma Atalig, OPA auditor for ethics and compliance, said that of the 334 certified filers, "195 individuals filed on or before the May 1st initial deadline." That represents 58 percent of the total expected filers.

Eight other officials filed their statement of financial interest after the initial May 1 deadline and as of May 7, Wednesday, Atalig said.

Public Auditor Michael Pai, as early as March, began urging government officials to file their statement of financial interest for calendar year 2013 on time, or no later than May 1.

"Failure to file a properly completed and verified statement within the time required under the Act is subject to criminal and civil penalties, including up to $10 per day for periods of delinquency. Please note that OPA has no authority to make any exceptions to the filing requirements of the Act, nor can OPA remove names on DOF's certified list," Pai said in letters to officials.

OPA's Atalig confirmed that Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, 20 House of Representatives members, eight of nine senators, and other top officials were among those that timely filed their financial statements.

The bulk of late-filers are from boards and commissions, as well as directors.

Under 1 CMC Section 8511 of the Government Ethics Code Act, all elected and appointed CNMI officials, judicial officers, and executive department heads or directors are required to file a statement of financial interest. The statement includes government officials' income, and financial interests in real estate, among other things.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MHS PTA meeting on Wednesday

All Marianas High School parents, guardians, and students are invited to attend the MHS PTA meeting this Wednesday May 14, 2014, at 6:30pm in the MHS Dolphin Theatre. We will get an update on MHS administration, programs, and future events and a report from the MHS Student Council. ***(PR)***

P.J. Sablan medical fundraiser

There will be a fundraiser for Phillip John DLG. Sablan (PJ Pacho) for his expenses in his ongoing medical treatment in Hawaii. The event will be held at Naked Fish on Wednesday, May 14, from 6pm to 11pm. Tickets are $20 per person, which includes two free drinks, chasers, and live entertainment. You may purchase tickets at the door or you may contact AJ Murig at 989-0640. The family appreciates the community's assistance and involvement. ***(PR)***

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Meanwhile, two consultants paid out of the $2 million nonrefundable application fees are now on board to investigate Best Sunshine International Ltd.'s background and review its business plan.

There is no guarantee, however, that Best Sunshine will get an exclusive casino license once the consultants out of California and Florida are done with their investigation and review.

On Friday, Bank of Guam vice president for wealth and trust services Amoretta LP Carlson wrote to Gov. Eloy S. Inos, confirming that Best Sunshine deposited $30 million into the casino license escrow account with Bank of Guam Trust Services "on May 3, 2014."

That was two days before the May 5 deadline set by Public Laws 18-38 and 18-43.

"The disposition of the $30 million will be in accordance to the executed Escrow Instructions Agreement dated April 30, 2014," Carlson said in a one-page May 9 letter to the governor, a copy of which was provided by the Lottery Commission on Friday to the media, which asked for proof of the deposit by the two investors.

Lottery Commission chair Sixto Igisomar and fellow commission member Larrisa Larson, in a news briefing on Friday, said if another party is claiming that they were able to meet the deadline to deposit $30 million in escrow, that party has to come forward with the "right proof."

"What they need to show you is proof that it's physically in the bank account on May 5th. That's the thing you need to look for," Larson told reporters.

Igisomar said the application rule and the law were "very clear" as to the May 5 deadline.

"What we're saying is that the commission already made a decision. This is where we're moving forward based on what the commission received. Now if there are questions with respect to whether it was the right decision or not, there are processes for those things. But we're moving forward," Igisomar, the Commerce secretary, told reporters.

Larson added that the commission made a decision "based on facts"—that there was no deposit in the bank from the rejected applicant on May 5.

"We wouldn't make a decision like that unless we have the confirmations that are necessary. So we did receive confirmation of receipt of one deposit by the deadline," she said.

Marianas Stars has yet to share proof of it meeting the deposit deadline.

But Igisomar said Marianas Stars was able to submit its business plan by the May 5 deadline.

In a May 8 public notice on the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong, Chinese Strategic Holdings Ltd. announced that Marianas Stars and escrow agent Bank of Guam entered into an escrow agreement on April 30, 2014.

"The deposit has been delivered to the Escrow Agent and the parties to the Escrow Agreement agree that the deposit in the escrow account is to be held exclusively for the purpose of the Escrow Agreement and are controlled by terms as stated in the Escrow Agreement," Chinese Strategic Holdings said.

There is no mention in the notice as to when the deposit was delivered.

The May 8 notice mentioned that trading in the shares has been halted with effect from 9am on May 8, 2014, pending the publication of the announcement. Application has been made by the company for the resumption of trading in the shares with effect from 9am on May 9, 2014.

Marianas Stars is an indirect subsidiary of Chinese Strategic Holdings Ltd. Marianas Stars is 25 percent owned by Mega Stars Overseas, the new owner of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, the only operating casino in the CNMI.

In its business plan, Marianas Stars plans to develop a "world-class integrated casino resort, Legend of the Ocean," which includes four themed-hotels totaling 2,000 rooms, a 20,000-square meter casino facility with up to 300 gaming tables and 700 electronic gaming machines, a multi-purpose venue capable of accommodating 5,000 people, a 158,800-square meter theme park with 26 attractions and a waterfront village offering 224,000 square meters of retail shopping and dining."

Marianas Stars targets the high growth and/or high-volume outbound tourist markets within a five-hour flight time radius from Saipan, including Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and Russia.

It also intends to form a joint venture with existing carrier airline operator, Star Marianas Airways, to operate low-cost interisland flight service to Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam. Marianas Stars also plans to buy aircraft to provide additional service.

"MSE's strategy is to pursue synergy rather than competition between the casinos [on] Saipan and [on] Tinian," it added.

Transparency

Igisomar and Larson said they made the decision to reject Marianas Stars' application in a public, transparent manner during their meeting on Thursday.

After the commission went into an executive session, they invited back any member of the public waiting outside the governor's main conference room on Capital Hill. At the time, only members of the media were waiting outside.

That was when commissioner James Deleon Guerrero made a motion to reject Marianas Stars' application for failing to comply with Section 106 of Public Law 18-38, as amended, or the casino law. Deputy Attorney General Gil Birnbrich, also a commissioner, seconded the motion. The four approved the motion.

The Lottery Commission sent a formal notification to Marianas Stars' Cario Hon of their application's rejection on May 9—a day after the decision was made in an open meeting.

"After careful consideration, the Commonwealth Lottery Commission has determined that your application for the casino license did not meet requirements of timely deposit of the required $30 million in funds as required under Public Laws 18-38 and 18-43 and therefore must be rejected," Igisomar said in a one-page letter to Hon of Marianas Stars.

Best Sunshine

Best Sunshine has yet to incorporate or apply for a business license in the CNMI as of last week.

Best Sunshine is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of First Natural Foods Holdings Ltd., which is proposing to change its name to Imperial Pacific International Holdings Ltd.

In a May 7 notice in the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, it said it paid the $30 million deposit. It said it also submitted the business plan on May 5 in support of the application.

Trading in the shares was halted at First Natural Foods' request with effect from 9am on May 5 pending the release of the announcement. Trading resumed 9am on Wednesday, May 7.

In its business plan, Best Sunshine intends to build and operate on Saipan four luxury hotels and villas in four stages. It also plans to establish two phases of gaming facilities in these hotels, offering both private gaming rooms and public facilities.

Meanwhile, the Lottery Commission was expected to finalize its contracts with casino investigator B2G Global Strategies out of California, and gaming development consultant The Innovation Group out of Florida, prior to the consultants' presentation at 10am today, which is open to the public.

Tomorrow afternoon, the Lottery Commission will be meeting with Best Sunshine but that meeting is not open to the public. Some community members are still skeptical whether any of Best Sunshine's investors or individuals associated with it were among those that invited and paid for the trips of some CNMI lawmakers to Macau, Hong Kong, and Singapore months ago.

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PSS conducts the Youth Risk Behavioral Survey every two years. Respondents are middle high and high school students in public schools.

The survey is designed to answer several priority questions or prevalence of priority health-risk behaviors such as unintentional injuries and violence, tobacco use, alcohol and other drug use, sexual behaviors, unhealthy dietary behaviors, and physical inactivity of students.

The percentage of students "who used marijuana one or more times during their life" was nearly steady. In the 2013 survey, the percentage was at 62.1 percent; 61.6 percent in the 2011 survey; 61.9 percent in the 2009 survey; and 61 percent in 2007.

Results also indicated that the percentage of students who are overweight slightly increased from 16.7 percent in the 2011 survey to 16.8 percent in the 2013 survey. The number of students who are trying to lose weight is at an all-time high of 51.6 percent.

A slight drop was noted on the number of students who attend Physical Education classes daily in an average a week they were in school. The result was 24 percent in 2013 compared to 2011's result at 29.9 percent.

The survey yielded significant improvements in other aspects, including in the areas of injury and violence, tobacco use, alcohol, and other drug use, among others.

Based on the PSS data, the number of students who carried a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club the past 30 days was lowest at 6.6 percent in 2013. In the 2011 survey, there was 8 percent; 8.1 percent in 2009; 9.5 percent in 2007; 6.2 percent in 2005; and 8.6 percent in 2003.

For tobacco use, 68.5 percent of respondents affirmatively responded that they tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs. However, this is the lowest recorded since the survey began in 2003.

The 2003 survey result on the tobacco use was at 85.9 percent; 81.6 percent in 2005; 77.6 percent in 2007; 75.2 percent in 2009; and 72.8 percent in 2011.

The percentage of students who smoked cigarettes on school property on one or more in the past 30 days also dropped by 50 percent, from 6.2 percent in the 2011 survey to 3.5 percent in 2013—the lowest since 2003, when the percentage was at 12.5 percent.

For alcohol and drug abuse, the survey for 2013 was also lowest in 10 years at 67.3 percent. The highest was in 2003 at 77.9 percent; 75.2 percent in 2005; 69.1 percent in 2007; 70.6 percent in 2009; and 71.4 percent in 2011.

In other areas such as percentage of students who strongly agree that their teachers really care about them and give them encouragements, the result was a high 64.2 percent. Students who described their grades in school as mostly As and Bs during the past 12 months was also high at 58.1 percent.

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program, book club, and the Real World Design Challenge. King emphasized that students should participate in activities in their areas of interest: "Do things not to get into a good university, but do it because you enjoy [it]. I loved math, volunteering, and the environment so that's what I focused on."

She plans to become an engineer, after her brother, an engineer, inspired her to seek a career in the field. "I just hope to take what I learn [at Stanford] and give back," she told *Saipan Tribune.*

The Saipan native added that humility is a key factor in succeeding. "I try to always remind myself not to blur my vision into thinking that I am better than other people. I do not let the accomplishments [overshadow] my humility," she said.

King credits her success to Nancie and Jesse Celis.

TINIAN

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ate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo in San Jose, Tinian, on charges of theft by deception and misconduct in public office. His bail was set at $10,000 cash.

Preliminary hearing will be on May 16 at 9am.

OPA investigator Juanette F. David-Atalig stated in her report that Shai submitted a total of 44 travel authorizations from 2011 to 2013. Almost all of these travel authorizations were to travel to Saipan, supposedly to meet with various officials for department matters.

David-Atalig said that OPA discovered that each travel was questionable because of inconsistencies with the papers and the justifications for such travels.

David-Atalig said they already informed Shai about their ongoing investigations against him in October but he still submitted this year three travel requests to meet with various officials on Saipan and cashed $1,188 per diem checks.

OPA learned that the officials, however, denied they ever met with Shai.

The investigator said Shai unlawfully received an estimated $1,608.75 from the CNMI government by altering the travel dates on at least seven of his travel vouchers.

The resident director also allegedly cashed and used for personal use about 19 travel advance checks issued to him totaling $10,813 in 2013.

David-Atalig said their investigation began on Sept. 9, 2013, after the OPA hotline received a tip about Shai using government funds to travel twice a week to Saipan, ostensibly to meet with various government officials but not attending those meetings.

David-Atalig said other investigators assigned to the case also confirmed with a Finance official, who discovered a "pattern" of what appeared to be Shai's frequent trips without filing the proper travel documents with the government.

On Sept. 4, 2013, David-Atalig and two police detectives met with CNMI Procurement and Supply Office director Herman Sablan, who stated he never met or saw Shai from 2012 to the present in any official capacity.

Yet, David-Atalig said, travel authorizations submitted by Shai indicate that the purpose of his travel to Saipan was to meet with Sablan regarding governmental matters—twice in 2011, six times in 2012, and eight times in 2013.

David-Atalig said that on Sept. 6, 2013, she interviewed Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, who had been listed as one of the government officials with whom Shai was traveling to Saipan to meet.

Larson stated that when she was appointed Finance secretary in 2011, she met Shai twice that year and once again in that same year when he was appointed as resident director for the Tinian Finance office.

Since then, however, Larson said she had not seen or met with Shai in any official capacity.

However, David-Atalig said, Shai submitted travel authorizations and vouchers claiming that he traveled to Saipan to meet with Larson thrice in 2011, 12 times in 2012, and four times in 2013.

David-Atalig said that on Sept. 10, 2013, she and another police detective met with Office of Management and Budget special assistant Virginia Villagomez, who has been listed as one of the government officials with whom Shai was traveling to Saipan to meet.

Villagomez recalled seeing Shai about five times or less from 2012 through 2013, and met with him once in January 2013 to discuss Tinian finance matters.

Travel records Shai submitted indicate that he traveled to Saipan to meet with Villagomez once in 2011, 13 times in 2012, and 11 times in 2013.

Throughout the investigation, David-Atalig said she and a police detective identified 11 trips where Shai asked for two to three days of travel to Saipan for official business, but in reality he would return to Tinian within a full work day or less.

The OPA investigator said Shai did not amend his travel documents to reflect the true and correct travel dates and as a result of this, he was reimbursed approximately $4,294 for his travels between 2011 to 2013.

On Oct. 24, 2013, David-Atalig and a police detective met with Shai at the Tinian Finance Office and told him about the ongoing investigation into his travel activities.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

THE CNMI Public School System would like to inform the parents of our public school students and incoming students, as well as the general public that there is a scheduled general registration for Saipan public elementary, middle and high schools.

The registration will begin on May 12 and will continue through June 30, 2014. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the registration process by visiting our public schools. For more information and inquiries you can call the numbers assigned from the respective schools.

Head Start registration ongoing throughout the centers. Please call the numbers 664 -3769/3751/68 for the registration process and additional information.

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- Capitol Hill (Northwest of Egigi Dr.)
- Sadog Tasi
- As Mahetok
- Tanapag
- San Roque
- Achugao
- As Matuis

Kagman Elementary School (K-5)

Tel. No.: 664-3911/12/13
237-3921

- Papago (North of Botanical Garden)
- Kagman
- As Teo
- Capitol Hill (Northeast of Egigi Dr.)

San Vicente Elementary School (K-5)

Tel. No.: 237-3791
664-3981

- San Vicente (Isa Drive)
- Airport Road (Chalan Tun Herman Pan)
- As Lito (Chalan Msgr. Martinez)
- Papago (Up to Botanical Garden/ on Isa Drive)
- Fina Sisu
- Dandan (Dandan Road)
- Lower Dandan (Java Joe's up to San Vicente Elem. School)

Koblerville Elementary School (K-5)

Tel. No.: 237-3621
664-3961

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- As Gonno
- San Antonio
- Afetna
- South Guili Street & Alu Drive

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Tel. No.: 237-3341
664-3951

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- China Town
- Lower & Upper Navy Hill
- Garapan Beach Road Area up to Marianas Eye Institute (Gualo Rai Road)

Oleai Elementary School (K-6)

Tel. No.: 237-3501
664-3942

- South of Gualo Rai Road
- Chalan Kiya (Golf Course)
- Kannat Tabla
- As Terlaje
- Falughulo
- San Jose
- Susupe (North of Sarawi Blvd.)

William S. Reyes Elementary School (K-6)

Tel. No.: 237-3542
664-3971

- Chalan Kanoa/ Chalan Piao
- North of Guili Road (DPA Car Mart)
- Susupe (South of Sarawi Blvd.)
- As Perdido
- South Side of Fina Sisu Road (Highway 306)

Tanapag Middle School (6-8)

Tel. No.: 237-3161/4
664-3425

- Capitol Hill (Northwest of Egigi Dr.)
- Sadog Tasi
- Tanapag
- As Mahetok
- San Roque
- Achugao
- As Matuis

Chacha Oceanview Middle School (6-8)

Tel. No.: 664-4100
237-3921

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- Papago (North of Botanical Garden)
- Kagman
- As Teo
- Capitol Hill (Northeast of Egigi Dr.)

Dandan Middle School (6-8)

Tel. No.: 237-3662
664-5025

- Dandan
- Lower Dandan
- San Vicente
- Airport Road
- Aslito (North of SIS)
- Papago (Up to Botanical Garden)

San Antonio Middle School (6-8)

Tel. No.: 237-3582
664-3930

- Guili Street South (DPA Car Mart in Chalan Piao)
- Alu Drive
- Koblerville

Hopwood Jr. High School (7-8)

Tel. No.: 664-5079

- As Lito (South of Saipan International School)
- As Terlaje
- As Perdido
- Chalan Laulau Beach Rd.
- Chalan Kanoa
- Chalan Kiya
- Chalan Laulau
- Chalan Piao
- China Town
- Finasisu
- Garapan
- Gualo Rai
- Kannat Tabla
- Lower Navy Hill
- Middle Road
- Navy Hill
- Quarter Master
- Puerto Rico (South of Baranka Lane - Shell Gas Station)
- Sado Tasi
- San Jose
- Susupe

Marianas High School (9-12)

Tel. No.: 237-3206
664-3800

- South of Baranka Lane (Shell Gas Station in Puerto Rico)
- North of Chalan Piao Mobil
- San Vicente up to SVS
- Partial on Dandan Road
- Airport Road
- Fina Sisu
- As Perdido
- Kannat Tabla
- Chalan Kiya
- Garapan
- Chalan Laulau
- Gualo Rai
- Chalan Kanoa
- Susupe
- As Lito (Up to the As Gonno traffic light)
- Oleai
- Beach Road

Kagman High School (9-12)

Tel. No.: 237-3834/3840
664-3780

- Kagman (1, 2, 3 & Phase 4)
- Capitol Hill
- Sadog Tasi
- Achugao
- As Matuis
- Marpi
- Papago
- Tanapag
- San Roque
- San Vicente (North of San Vicente Elem. School)

Saipan Southern High School (9-12)

Tel. No.: 237-3706
664-3800

- Upper Dandan
- Koblerville
- San Antonio
- As Gonno
- Afetna

Tinian Elementary School (K-6)

Tel. No.: 237-4148
433-9246/50

Tinian Jr. Sr. High School (7-12)

Tel. No.: 237-4163
237-4191/433-9275

Sinapalo Elementary School (K-6)

Tel. No.: 237-4072
532-9521

Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr. Sr. High School (7-12)

Tel. No.: 237-4042
532-9502

NAP seeking vendor to improve eligibility system

» Upgraded service to complement EBT system

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' CNMI Nutrition Assistance Program has opened a request for proposal for a vendor to build an improved eligibility system for the agency.

The creation of the eligibility system will help NAP move into the Electronic Benefits Transfer, where benefits are electronically transferred to a debit card-type system instead of obsolete paper coupons.

According to NAP administrator Walter Macaranas, much of the work performed to prepare, produce, and distribute benefits is done manually.

"This affects CNMI NAP's ability to be more efficient in providing quality client service and ability to produce benefits expeditiously, especially for most applicants and ongoing recipients in need," he said.

Based on December 2013 data, CNMI NAP provided assistance to 3,222 household cases consisting of 8,707 individuals on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Macaranas said the new system will provide timely and accurate fiscal and management reports, documentation, staff user training, and controls and checks to reduce opportunities for fraud and abuse.

According to Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), the technology upgrade will complement the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program study.

"Upgrading the system will help bring the NMI food stamp program in line with SNAP and add the ability to issue benefits using plastic debit cards," Sablan said.

The recently enacted Agricultural Act of 2014 requires U.S. Department of Agriculture to study the capability of the Northern Marianas to operate SNAP and provides $30.5 million to raise benefits beginning in October 2015.

"The CNMI's proposed system upgrade and moving away from paper food stamps should make SNAP for the CNMI that much more doable. Agriculture is working on drafting the request for proposal for its SNAP study. That request is expected to be issued this summer," Sablan said.

The request for proposal describes the specifications for the services to be provided to permit full and open competition and will allow the one offered to properly respond the proposal

Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a notice of intent to propose. The notices must be received by the director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10am local time on July 28, 2014.

According to Macaranas all proposals must be sealed, marked, and submitted in original and four copies no later than 10am local time on July 28 this year.

Macaranas noted that there will be a pre-proposal conference on May 28, 2014, at the DCCA-NAP office at the JTV Building in As Lito on Saipan.

For more information regarding the NAP's request for proposal, contact Macaranas at (670) 664-2840 or email at dccanap@pticom.com.

CUC board forms 2 task forces

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

To determine the effectiveness of existing operational systems and practices at the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., its board created two task forces that will study each and every detail in two specific areas of services at the agency.

CUC board chair David J. Sablan appointed board member Adelina Roberto last week to head the task force dedicated to reviewing the utility corporation's staffing pattern, the existing pay scale of all personnel, as well as the current grievance policy procedures.

Roberto was given the authority to select members of her team.

Sablan appointed board member Chris Concepcion to head the task force that would review CUC's customer service operations. Like Roberto, Concepcion's team is expected to provide recommendations to the board.

During last week's board meeting, Sablan ordered the management team—headed by executive director Alan Fletcher and CFO Charles Warren—to give the task forces all the information they need for their assessment.

According to the chairman, the creation of the task forces aims to provide "consistency" in CUC's services to meet customer satisfaction.

Sablan pointed out that in the area of customer service, there's obvious dissatisfaction among patrons as evidenced by the mounting complaints being received by the agency.

"This is not to be critical of our staff but to improve our service," Sablan said, adding that the main mission of CUC is to provide utility services at the least possible cost to its customers.

Management officials vowed to work with both task forces and mentioned an ongoing study on a personnel compensation plan for CUC, which is reportedly at its "tail-end."

According to its records, CUC employs 383 full-time personnel, 165 of which are at the power division, 72 at the water division, 20 at wastewater, and 11 at engineering. The rest account for administration staff.

This number is the agency's highest personnel count in the last four years.

Besides the creation of these task forces, the board is also looking at scrutinizing all contracts and future agreements to be entered into by the CUC for various services, including professional agreements.

Sablan said the objective of the board is to ensure that all services to be sourced from outside the agency are cost-effective and efficient for the corporation.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Endangered Species
Open House Meeting
Wednesday, May 14, 2014
6:00-8:00 pm
American Memorial Park Visitor Center
Garapan, Saipan

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is considering whether certain species in the Mariana Islands warrant protection under the Endangered Species Act through listing and critical habitat.

The Service is holding an Open House meeting to provide information on 23 species located in Guam and the CNMI that are under consideration for listing as either endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act, 16 (9 plants and 7 animals) of which are found in the CNMI. The information meeting will provide an opportunity for interested parties to learn about the process for the proposed listing and critical habitat rule, and for Service personnel to answer questions from interested parties.

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NOTICE OF AUCTION

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), as auctioneer and seller, hereby gives notice that all the rights, title and interests of NMHC in and to the following described real property will be sold at auction:

LOT NO. 017 D 27 JUDGE WAY, GARAPAN, SAIPAN Minimum Bid: $56,800.00

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC's conference room, Garapan, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. on May 13, 2014, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Minimum Bid. The minimum acceptable bid for each property shall be $(please see above).
2. Reserve. The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of NMHC as Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, NMHC shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
   a. To withdraw any property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
   b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c. To reject any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director, NMHC, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-6866; Facisimile: 234-9021; or to Law Office of Vicente T. Salas, P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
5. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale by cash, cashier's check or credit card (Visa or Mastercard). The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will automatically revert to NMHC.
6. Change of Terms. NMHC reserves the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. The interests of NMHC in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property or any related documents will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 17th day of April, 2014.

/s/ Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-14-015

UTILITY RATE & FINANCIAL CONSULTING SERVICES

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to provide Utility Rate and Financial Consulting Services.

The requested Utility Rate and Financial Services will assist CUC in revising the charge schedules for electricity, water and wastewater by conducting the appropriate rate studies and developing the related cost of service models. In addition to these base rate activities, CUC will also require assistance with periodic reviews of its levelized energy adjustment clause (LEAC) rates, water electric charge (WEC) rates, and wastewater electric charge (WWEC) rates. During the two year term of this contract, CUC anticipates filing 3 base rate cases (one each year for electric, water and wastewater) and at least four periodic reviews of the LEAC, WEC, and WWEC. Preparation of testimony and appearance at public hearings will also be required. Ad hoc rate related studies may also be requested from time to time.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 for one RFP package set. Prospective Proposers for this RFP must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division by May 16, 2014 to be considered.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on May 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST), at the CUC Training Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC RFP 14-015, Utility Rate and Financial Consulting Services to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 4, 2014. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on May 16, 2014 to Manny B. Sablan, Manager, CUC Procurement & Supply via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email address charles.warren@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Manager, Procurement & Supply

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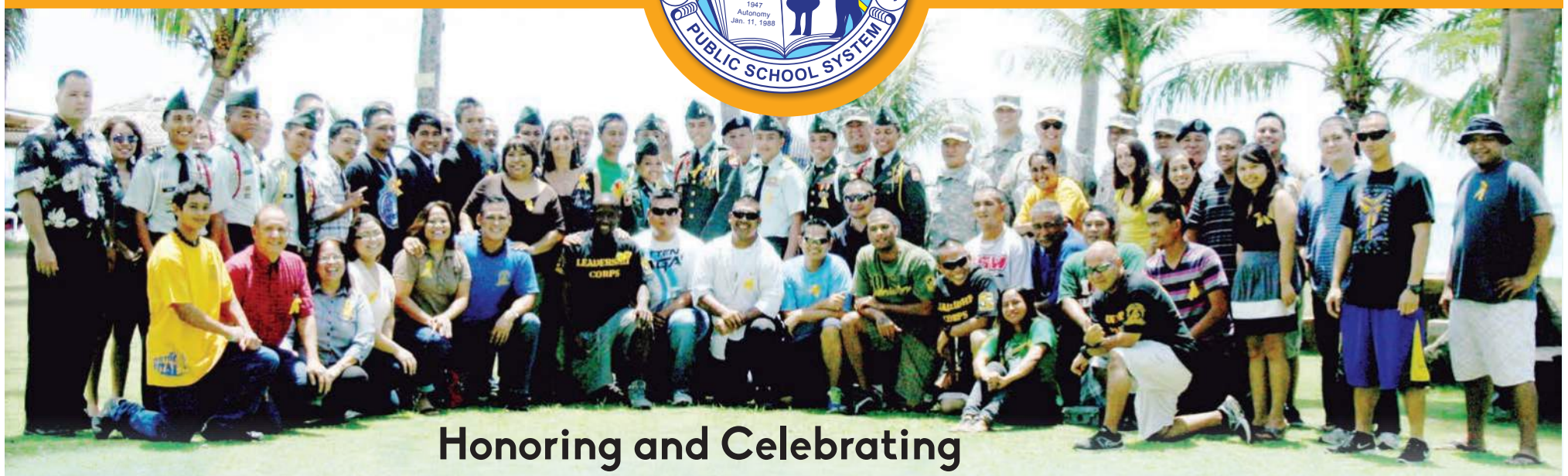

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This week as we mark our
SUPPORT OUR HEROES-TO-TEACHERS WEEK
the State Board of Education and the CNMI Public School System through the Office of the Commissioner of Education, applaud you, Our Service Members in the Teaching Profession and those involved in the Education of our Children for your true **commitment**, **dedication**, and **support to the learning** and **success** of our **students** in the Commonwealth.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS
CUC-SOQ-14-013

DESIGN OF LOWER BASE SEWER SYSTEM

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from qualified architecture & engineering (A&E) firms to design the Lower Base Sewer System on the island of Saipan, which will replace the existing and dilapidated sewer system which dates back to the Naval administration of Saipan. The design will intercept the existing Capitol Hill sewer in the lower portion of Isa Drive, will service the main Lower Base industrial area, and will include a new lift station that will pump into the existing force main coming from Tanapag. This force main will be extended and enlarged from the point of connection to discharge to the existing S-3 lift station at the Saipan Seaport, enabling the abandonment of lift stations S-1, T-3, and the Tan Holdings lift station. Connection of all existing, active buildings within the area served by the design will also be included. A&E services will include the necessary geotechnical and surveying services to develop the design and construction documents. Work must be coordinated with the A&E firm selected by the CNMI Water Task Force (WTF) to design the Lower Base water system, which will be on-going at near the same time as this design contract. This project is funded by a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) and all work is subject to EDA review and approval.

The RFSOQ package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one RFSOQ package set. Prospective A&E firms for this RFSOQ must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division by May 30, 2014 to be considered.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on May 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST), at the CUC Training Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the SOQ must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC SOQ 14-013, Request for Statement of Qualifications-Design of Lower Base Sewer System" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 6, 2014. Statements of Qualifications mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time.

All A&E firm are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the A&E firm due to lack of information or understanding of the Request for Statement of Qualifications requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a SOQ under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible/qualified A&E firms for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. A&E firms shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from the SOQ submitted by competing A&E firms.

This Request for Statements of Qualifications does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of statements of qualifications in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC procurement regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable federal regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on May 27, 2014 to Manny B. Sablan, Manager, CUC Procurement & Supply via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org. Responses to Questions will be provided no later than May 29, 2014.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All SOQ shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director,
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

MANNY B. SABLAN
Manager, Procurement &Supply
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS
CUC-RFSOQ-14-017

DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, SURVEYING, CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION, AND OTHER A&E PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR VARIOUS COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from qualified engineering consulting firms for the following purposes: Designing water and wastewater infrastructure including but not limited to water main, sewer main (gravity and pressure), lift stations, booster pumping stations, water storage reservoirs, treatment works, upgrades to existing facilities; providing construction management services including but not limited to submittal review, clarification and technical assistance related to contract plans and specifications, field engineering due to changes in conditions during construction, construction inspection, review of partial payment requests; surveying; and other related engineering services on various CUC Water and Wastewater Projects on the Islands of Saipan, Rota and Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFSOQ package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one RFSOQ package set. Prospective engineering consulting firms for this RFSOQ must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division by May 30, 2014 to be considered.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on May 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST), at the CUC Training Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the SOQ must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFSOQ-14-017, Request for Statements of Qualifications"* to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 9, 2014**. Statements of Qualifications mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time.

All qualified engineering consulting firms are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the engineering consulting firm due to lack of information or understanding of the RFSOQ requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a SOQ under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible/ qualified engineering consulting firms for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. All qualified engineering consulting firms shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from the SOQ submitted by competing qualified engineering consulting firms.

This RFSOQ does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of statements of qualifications in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC procurement regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable federal regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective respondents and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on May 22, 2014 to Manny B. Sablan, Manager, CUC Procurement & Supply Division via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to John Riegel, Chief Engineer, CUC Water/Wastewater Division via email address john.riegel@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all SOQ for any reason and to waive any defects in said RFSOQ, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All SOQ shall become the property of CUC.

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Guam bill aims to prevent cycle of crime in youth

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)— Lawmakers in Guam will be voting this week on a legislation aiming to reduce juvenile delinquency with counseling and mediation.

The bill aims to prevent youth from getting caught in a cycle of crime, said Speaker Judith Won Pat who leads the sole chamber in Guam's unicameral legislature.

Justice is not simply punishment, Won Pat said in her weekly address, the Pacific Daily News reported. Justice must be holistic and effective, especially when dealing with juveniles, she said.

It's not a new approach for Guam, Won Pat said.

"Our Chamoru ancestors resolved conflicts and decided punishment within the family. In fact, a deep reverence for one's family often prevented people from committing crime," she said.

Chief Justice Robert Torres last week said in his State of the Judiciary address that the courts present Guam "with arguably the greatest opportunity to really change lives and reverse the increasing crime rate in our island home."

The chief justice said locking up juvenile offenders likely doesn't decrease criminality, but rather increases it.

Torres promoted Guam's already successful approaches of mental health and substance abuse counseling as well as anger management and family counseling.

A. Samoa phone provider to pay OT back wages

An investigation by the Wage and Hour Division found that the American Samoa Telecommunication Authority failed to pay $26,836 in overtime to 36 workers employed in Tafuna and other remote offices for a period of two years beginning in Feb. 7, 2012. ASTCA also failed to pay 62 workers for an additional 10,031 overtime hours. These hours will be added to the employees' comp-time leave accounts for their future use.

"We will continue to work with representatives from the American Samoa government to improve their understanding of federal labor laws while addressing any deficiencies in the manner in which overtime is accrued and paid," said Terence Trotter, the division's district director in Hawaii. ***(PR)***

Flashback
A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 12, 2006

Senate reinstates JG Sablan mining permit
The Senate passed yesterday a bill reinstating the 1995 mining permit of JG Sablan on Pagan. This came more than a week after the Executive Branch terminated the permit due to alleged violations, including the company's "unauthorized" partnership with Bridgecreek International. During a session on Tinian yesterday, the Senate approved Senate Bill 15-45, which asks the Department of Public Lands "to reinstate JG Sablan's permit." The bill was introduced in yesterday's session. It now goes to the House of Representatives for similar passage.

'Marines will use Tinian for its training'
Gov. Benigno R. Fitial disclosed yesterday that the U.S. military has assured him that the 8,000 U.S. Marine troops from Okinawa, Japan, will definitely use Tinian as a site for training exercises. In an interview, Fitial related that during his Wednesday's meeting in Guam with U.S. Pacific Command deputy commander Lt. Gen. Daniel Leaf and U.S. Naval Forces Marianas commander Rear Admiral Charles J. Leidig, he was briefed on the progress of the relocation of U.S. troops from Okinawa to Guam. Fitial said reports have it that the Japanese government has already agreed to pay a certain amount for the relocation.

May 12, 2007

Feds pursue probe vs tax scam agents
The Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Attorney's Office are continuing their investigation on other individuals in the CNMI involved in the illegal tax filing for earned income tax credit. "Yes, there's an ongoing investigation. We're still investigating," said U.S. Attorney Leonardo M. Rapadas in a news briefing Thursday. He declined to reveal how many more people would be arrested and indicted for the alleged crime. "It's confidential [right now]," he said.

NMI gesture moves World War II vets
"Mission accomplished." That is how Lt. Gov. Timothy P. Villagomez characterized his presentation at the May 4 reunion of the 73rd Bomb Wing Association in Cincinnati. The 73rd Bomb Wing was stationed on Saipan during World War II, operating B-29s that significantly influenced the outcome of World War II. "My goal in accepting the association's invitation to speak at the reunion was to convey the gratitude of the CNMI for their service during World War II and to generate interest in visiting our islands," said Villagomez. "We were successful on both fronts." At the reunion, Villagomez made a PowerPoint presentation featuring Northern Mariana Islands history through World War II, the political and economic evolution of the islands since the war, and the new opportunities and challenges facing the islands.

May 12, 2008

Airlines' incentive program faced with possible suspension
The Commonwealth Ports Authority may stop granting discounted fees to airlines that introduced new flights to the Northern Marianas. The CPA board of directors is expected to vote today on a resolution suspending the port authority's airline incentive program, which allows airlines to get 50 percent to 100 percent discount on airport fees for flying to the Commonwealth. CPA executive director Lee Cabrera said the ports authority cannot afford to give discounts anymore. The $2 million appropriation granted in 2005 for the incentive program ran out at the end of 2007.

NMI team wins award at nat'l mock trials
The Northern Mariana Islands 2008 National Mock Trial Team took home a Best Performance award for the second year in a row at the 2008 National High School Mock Trial Championship in Wilmington, Delaware. The award went to Letitia Cabrera, who was one of nine students selected for the award from almost 400 competitors from across the nation and the Pacific. The award is given to students playing witnesses and/or attorneys who earn sufficient scores to distinguish them from their fellow competitors. After the initial shock, Cabrera said, "It was a really fun and exciting experience." She gave credit to her attorney coaches, Ed Buckingham and Joe Taijeron from the Attorney General's Office, and Galvin Deleon Guerrero from Mount Carmel School.

Utility debt settlement with central govt nears

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REPORTER

The over $2 million the central government owes the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is expected to be resolved soon following disclosure that the Executive Branch has promised to pay its debt as soon as it completes an accounting of its current arrears.

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board chair David J. Sablan told the board last week that based on his latest meeting with the central government, some funds have already been identified to pay for its debt with CUC.

"They've been very committed in giving us around $2 million. [And] they have $1.3 million available and ready," he said, adding that the Executive Branch is still looking for ways to find the additional $700,000.

Sablan reiterated his position that he is confident in the commitment expressed by the Inos administration, which he said also wants to ensure that CUC will have money to pay for its fuel supply.

CUC chief financial officer Charles Warren disclosed that the central government is "more or less" current in its monthly bill payment.

Last week, CUC board chair David J. Sablan also met with State Board of Education chair Herman T. Guerrero on the public schools' unpaid obligations.

Sablan described the meeting as very cordial and straight to the point.

"It was a more cordial meeting. They fully recognized their debts [with] us. They say they remain current [on their monthly bills] and they are committed to stay current," said Sablan.

It will be recalled that BOE's Guerrero, after receiving CUC's demand letter that set 15 days for PSS to come up with a realistic plan to settle its arrears, sought a 45-day extension on that deadline. Sablan had been unwilling to grant this. The two later met last week.

At their May 6 meeting, Sablan said that Guerrero explained the need to wait for the Legislature's action on the PSS budget for fiscal year 2015 in order to come up with an amount that should be paid to CUC.

Sablan said that Guerrero also informed him that the BOE recently passed a resolution to dedicate a portion of the MOE it expects to receive from the central government to pay its CUC bills. MOE stands for maintenance of effort that requires the government to give PSS specific amount in exchange for the $44 million in ARRA funds awarded the CNMI in 2009. The MOE share, amounting to $6 million, has yet been addressed by the central government.

Sablan said that Guerrero asked for PSS to be given until June to come up with the realistic payment plan, or until something happens on the proposed school budget and MOE issue.

Sablan also lauded PSS' conservation plan to bring down its utility costs.

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher confirmed that since this conservation plan for schools was enforced, "their usage went down by over 20 percent in the last couple of years."

The total past due balance owed by PSS to CUC is $7,184,581. This represents the principal amount owed for electrical, water, and wastewater services in the amount of $6.34 million and accrued late charges of $807,558. Late charges continue to accrue on the accounts at the rate of 1 percent per month pursuant to CUC regulations.

This receivable from PSS accounts for 31 percent of CUC's total receivables from government customers.

CUC has already filed a suit to collect on PSS' arrears. Initial settlement negotiations were initiated but were stalled pending the approval of the 2015 budget for PSS.

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Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby gives notice that a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. in the ARFF Classroom, Pacific Region ARFF Training Center (PRATC) at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport on Saipan.

The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes (March 21, 2014)

II. SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS
1. SIA Master Concession
2. Supplemental Budget Request – Airport and Seaport

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

V. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

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In parts of Europe, the far right rises again

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BUDAPEST, Hungary—As Europe marks the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I, the war that destroyed Old Europe, far-right parties are gaining ground across New Europe.

Most of the far-right parties are pro-Russia, opposing U.S. and European Union efforts to isolate President Vladimir Putin for his intervention in Ukraine. They are expected to do well in the May 25 European Parliament elections.

Last month, I traveled to Hungary and Greece, where the neo-fascist movements are strongest. In Hungary, the extreme-right Jobbik party won 1 in 5 votes in last month's parliamentary election. In Greece, even as the neo-Nazi Golden Dawn party is being prosecuted by the government as a criminal organization, it remains the fourth-largest political party in the country. Golden Dawn lawmaker Ilias Kasidiaris, who sports a swastika tattoo and once read from "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion" on the floor of Parliament, is running for mayor of Athens.

Both parties deny being inherently anti-Semitic or anti-Roma, but their symbols and rhetoric suggest otherwise. Party leaders are unapologetically hostile to LGBT rights, and Golden Dawn is vehemently anti-immigrant. And in both Greece and Hungary, many voters appear to be either overlooking the neo-fascist message or embracing it.

Despite international condemnation of Jobbik's anti-Semitic, anti-Roma vitriol, support for the party rose from 18 percent in the 2010 elections to 21 percent last month. Among those re-elected to office was a Jobbik member of parliament who demanded that the government draw up a list of Jews in official positions because they posed a "national security risk." Another winning candidate claimed that "the Gypsy people are a biological weapon" of the Israelis who have "occupied" Hungary. These are not idle words in a country where Roma have been terrorized or killed in organized attacks.

The Hungarian media have reported that Jobbik is toning down its rhetoric to appeal to a wider range of voters. But covert anti-Semitic messages still hide in plain sight. One Jobbik advertisement shows a wholesome family eating at a dinner table in front of a bookshelf filled with works by notoriously anti-Semitic writers. I heard Jobbik candidates on the stump in a working-class neighborhood of Budapest complaining about "international bankers" and griping about how telling "a Jewish joke" was the worst crime a Hungarian politician could commit nowadays.

Meanwhile, Hungary's authoritarian prime minister, Viktor Orban, has deepened ties with Moscow, signing a $13 billion deal for Russia to build and finance a nuclear power plant in eastern Hungary. And he has outraged the Jewish community, including Holocaust survivors, by pushing ahead with a World War II memorial that minimizes the role of Hungarians in the Holocaust and places all the blame on the German invaders.

In Greece, the government is locked in a remarkably belated battle with Golden Dawn. In 2010, the party was on the margins, winning only 0.2 percent of the vote. But then, as the economy collapsed, gangs of neo-Nazi thugs began terrorizing migrants, including traumatized Syrian refugees, and support for Golden Dawn surged. In 2012, the party claimed 7 percent of the vote and 17 seats in Parliament, a victory Golden Dawn leaders reportedly took as approval for "protecting" Greeks from a flood of immigrants.

A migrant worker from Africa was attacked by thugs who carved Golden Dawn's insignia into his back, an Egyptian was tortured, and a Pakistani was killed bicycling to work. Human rights groups

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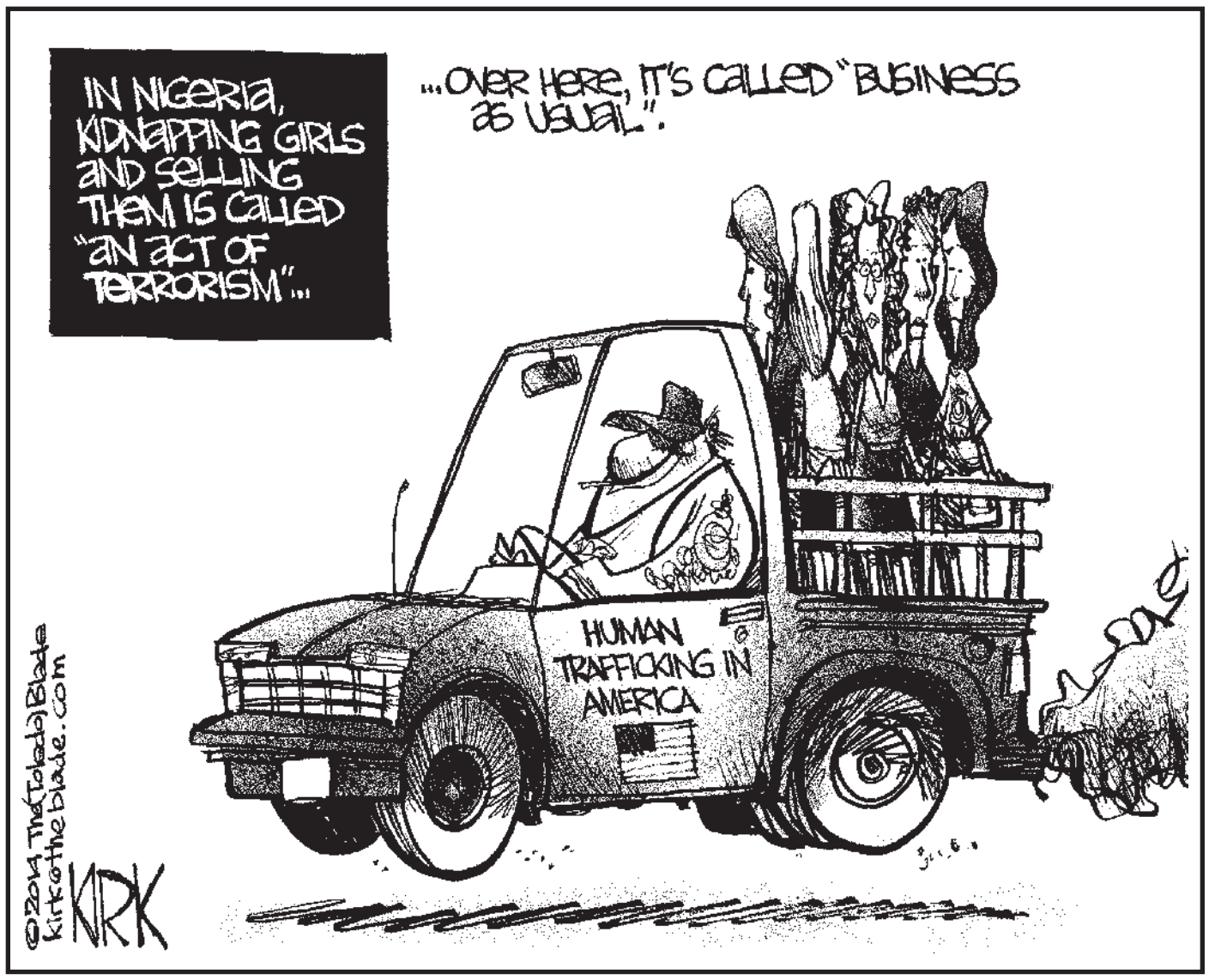
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The poor will always be with you

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Le Keqiang, China's Prime Minister in his four-country (Ethiopia, Nigeria, Angola, Kenya) visit of Africa, is reported to be addressing poverty reduction and people's livelihood upfront in his pronouncements, as opposed to the E.U. and U.S.' rationale for trade as promoting a country's economic growth. No judgment here, just noting the difference in story.

China's trade is mostly through infrastructure like rails and roads, community health and universal education, plus loans for medium and SME's capital investment. In Le Keqiang's case, also a hefty grant on environmental protection projects, which does not translate into a statistical abstraction of a country's GDP but on the qualitative benefit of the population. At the World Economic Forum meeting in Abuja, capital of Nigeria, he added partnering with locals in high-tech businesses, e.g., aeronautics, to stem the fast exodus of African talents to the West.

This was particularly relevant in fossil-fuel rich Nigeria, the largest economy in Africa. I was in Nigeria early 1980s, diverted on my flight from London to Kano on the northeast because of a sandstorm. I saw why it a misnomer to consider the economy as one. Nigeria of late not only has not seen any economic growth in its primary export industry crude; it also has one of the highest unemployment rates in the continent. A powder keg, as 60 percent of its population is classified as "youth."

The local folks in Nigeria's early '80s were like those of Nauru of the same period who drove themselves into obesity riding fancy cars and powerful motorcycles around the small phosphate-rich island. The government also invested its resources in real estate in Brisbane, Honolulu, Manila, Los Angeles, Guam, and, yes, Saipan. We still call the rotating restaurant building in Susupe as the "Nauru building," though Nauru disposed of it a long time ago.

"Trade, not aid" was a chant we had in the '80s as the United States hammered "aid" in the form of military assistance to dictatorships we supported around the world. I saw how that panned out in Chile and Nigeria, heavily emphasized in Ferdinand Marcos' martial law in the Philippines while I was orienting Peace Corps volunteers.

In economic algebra, the "poor" is not part of the Wall Street equation. In fact, Christian folks who claim the authority of Scriptures as their guide, if asked to quote a section on the poor (true of the Christians on Saipan as well), generally repeat the gospel of Matthew's line: *The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me."* This results in the widespread idolatry of Jesus; the messenger becomes the object of adoration rather than the message, which gets lost! Luke rectifies the record with: *"But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."* This last verse is rarely quoted.

In politics, we hear decried those who are in "entitlement" programs of government like many in the CNMI. These are allegedly the poor who intentionally stay that way so they can continue receiving government benefits, an argument often used to further the cause of sending former CWs and authorized Micronesian off-island residents back to their home of origin because they are a burden to tax-paying wage earners.

USAID development consultant David Korten (in Manila when I was there) wrote a book on "phantom wealth" not too long ago. He documents the measure of wealth in terms of financial assets by an accountants' assessed value rather than the actual production of real assets. His insight is reflected in the gain of 50 percent of the action in one of NYC's exchanges, made from smart investors' purchases on the stock exchange floor a split second before an offering is available in the open market through advanced technology. The phantom wealth created is added to the accounted value of the nation's economy, then charged in real terms on the back of actual labor elsewhere that depends on the U.S. financial system.

Broad strokes, the U.S. economy involves 3 percent of its population in agriculture, 7 percent in manufacturing, and 90 percent in services. In all, the gap between the "haves" (top 1 percent of population owns the equivalent of the lower 60 percent) and the "have-nots" has become so embarrassing that calling our system democratic is a public relations act rather than actual definition. The divide in the '80s was 15/85; now it is 01/99!

In the U.S. real estate market, the sale of homes for the wealthy is active, while the middle class market is stagnant. Look it up. BTW, that is also true in China but that is hardly a consolation.

"The poor will always be with you" is a systemic reality more than a category in the tolerated marginalized members of an economic system. Sadly, it has become an unquestionable part of our state of affairs, decried first before it is understood.

Then there is "blessed are the poor in spirit"; these intentionally mendicant poor will always be with you!

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Fear spreads vs organized crime

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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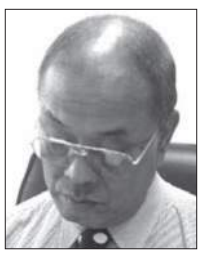

As I followed the petition to repeal the casino law, a three-tiered fear has emerged from the folks asked for their signature:

1). Employees whose contracts would be snuffed if caught supporting repeal of casino law.

2). Retirees who are hurting and want their 25 percent paid by June.

3). Outspoken supporters fearing for their lives from Asian organized crime.

These are legitimate concerns crawling out of an issue larger with implications that are far more egregious than what dimly witted politicians have lamely peddled. It's the same as trying to cover the sky with a single palm.

It's one time in our developmental history when I take pride in the permanency of the agreement with the federal government. We could rely upon the feds for full press court guarding the fragile fate of our people recently run over by a statist or dictatorial government.

Hell, suspect and incompetent leadership now sleeps with investors linked to Asian organized crime. It's a microcosm of all that has gone wrong when we jump from the pot right into a sizzling frying pan!

'Trust but verify'

President Reagan once said, "Trust but verify" of expert advice and musings from loyal friends. What is said must be valid and true. Otherwise when the misinformation upsets the cart it turns into a messy "he said, she said" circus.

Out of respect, I usually skip jolting public officials to their senses. But when there's the wide open and purposeful violation of trust, even the mute would delivery an oratory!

The guys and gals give towering speeches about transparency. Yet, they tiptoed between chambers peddling casino that was later signed into law in the dark hours of the night. Had to take off their platform shoes too!

It must be a signature accomplishment requiring an official announcement at the GOP kickoff rally. Oh? So this is another pillar of Republican achievement—shortsighted policy—founded on greed, though they know not everything is honky dory.

Maggots of filthy information started crawling out of the red carpet. I was busy choosing and slamming them into my empty rice sacks. I was stunned by the information I've gathered and placed on my radar screen. Appalling the strange bunch on the hill that is rumored to have succumbed to "sugar daddies" from Hong Kong and Macau.

Didn't have to slave through deductive or inductive reasoning, though I employed the latter convinced that the domino theory would deliver the last checker voluntarily at my front door. As expected, all the grand tidings of filth came rolling into the shore.

To say I'm disappointed is an understatement. Inconsequential my position may be on casino but suspect undertakings by the elite on the hill make it imperative the advice from President Reagan, "Trust but verify."

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When the Macau sugar daddy spat, our servile public officials found themselves swimming and drowning while yelling from the depth of the Pacific Ring of Fire, "How deep do we dive?" Woe! Whatever happened to gravitas or "integrity to leadership?"

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Public hearing by the Lottery Commission is another retarded act to fool the public. Gee! This administration is so deft in the masterful spin of the truth it could no longer believe in its own lies. Where did I hear this newly honed art?

The sad disconnect with policy

There's the obvious disconnect in the essence of representation and in the substance of policies that have missed improving the livelihood of our people by oceans apart.

Kilili has called off his once popular and convenient town hall meetings when the people who elected him found the egregious agenda to grandfather over 14,000 newcomers. He also hides in his hermit crab shell fearful of explaining the familial fatal effects of Obamacare.

Legislators have also ordered their own version of the hermit crab shell from Kilili for instant use when cornered publicly to explain their ludicrous position on casino. This is the bunch that must have flunked problems of American Democracy in high school as shown by their ignorance that everything begins and ends with "we the people." And you wonder why the total disorientation at home?

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If you look around you, there's the blue ocean that has been and still is blue since the dawn of man on these isles. Its color hasn't changed throughout history. We could fish it, traverse lanes for trade purposes or even defend regional security. What's my point?

Like tradition, our way of life may have shifted a bit but it's there as our permanent anchor today and throughout the rest of this century. It's the essence of tradition that we return to in both calm and storm. It pacifies and stills our thoughts and concerns as we patiently, with a sense of humility and resiliency, resume our navigating the treacherous sea of change.

Private industry contraction

No rocket science the contraction of private industries here since the deployment of the apparel industry from the island. Residual businesses that were here supporting the industry have simply dismantled and moved elsewhere too.

That shutdown denied the CNMI over a billion dollars in revenue. Appalling the agility of leadership who never did anything to cushion the economic contraction. Perhaps most are still inebriated or drunk from the barbecue smoke of yester-years when life was good.

The guys and gals are still singing *Lullaby and Good Night* as the NMI is roasted in budgetary shortfall to clear its utility bills. The annual budget took a nosedive from $256 million per year to $140 million.

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counted at least 320 victims of racist violence in Greece last year alone. But it was not until September's slaying of a Greek citizen, the anti-fascist rap musician Pavlos Fyssas, that the government moved against Golden Dawn, arresting most of its senior leadership and alleging that it is a criminal organization engaged in offenses ranging from weapons possession to murder.

The party's "Fuhrer" and several others remain in jail, while two special magistrates investigate. Yet a defiant Golden Dawn is still advancing candidates for both local and European Parliament elections this month, and some of its alumni say they will stand under a new name, National Dawn. A court is expected to rule on who can run. And there is growing evidence that Golden Dawn has benefited from the tolerance, if not support, of elements of the ruling New Democracy party, the police, the Greek Orthodox Church and the military.

In both Greece and Hungary, the far right is clearly growing in popularity. The question now becomes the degree to which voters in these countries and across Europe are becoming accustomed to the rhetoric of the neo-fascist movements, and the extent to which the ruling parties pander to right-wing voters. It now appears that far-right candidates may win enough seats in the European Parliament to form a bloc that could corrode the fundamental premise of the EU: an alliance for shared peace and prosperity built on respect for territorial integrity, strong democratic institutions and a commitment to human rights.

Oddly, the best hope for a democratic Europe may lie in the traditional disdain of Western European right-wingers for Eastern and Southern Europeans, and squabbling within the far right over which of the national parties are so extreme as to cause an image problem. These internal tensions could prevent the European neo-fascists from forming a functional continental alliance—just as in Old Europe.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The CUC-CHCC utility bill debacle

As a hemodialysis patient admitted to the Commonwealth Health Center several times during the past year, I read with deep personal concern the statement attributed to CUC board chair David Sablan that he would not hesitate to disconnect the hospital's power utility if the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. hereafter fails to timely pay its bills. While I agree with Mr. Sablan that all CUC customers must pay their utility bill on time or face disconnection, it seems to me that CUC, as a government entity given the exclusive authority over water, power and sewer utility, has a responsibility to exercise such authority with care and using its sound discretion.

Mr. Sablan is correct in saying that the CHCC board and management must trim its expenses and live within its means. But in the process of trying to make his point to CHCC officials, I believe he was wrong to threaten that he would simply disconnect utility service to CHCC if it fails to pay its utility bills on time. Although his statement was apparently made in anger toward CHCC management, Mr. Sablan should always be mindful that the health care of all patients at the only hospital in the CNMI is a matter of life and death. And the issue of utility bill payment between the two government agencies should never be a reason for compromising this critical fact.

If utility payment is not being timely made by CHCC because of lack of funding, the answer is not to disconnect the utility needed by the hospital and its patients, but for the two government agencies to seek a resolution of the problem with the executive and legislative branches, which enacted the law establishing CHCC. As most of us still remember, when the law establishing CHCC was enacted several years ago, the so-called "seed money" of $5 million appropriated to cover basic hospital and administrative expenses was clearly inadequate. Indeed, it was irresponsible for the Legislature to pass the CHCC legislation and for the governor to sign it into law knowing that, without adequate funding, the new corporation could barely function. As a line department, CHCC's predecessor—the Department of Public Health (including the hospital)—was being funded to the tune of about $35 million.

Unless the matter of adequate funding for CHCC is seriously addressed by the Legislature and the governor soon, I am afraid that CUC chair Sablan's statement to disconnect utility service to CHCC will become a reality. When this happens, the hospital would most likely close and all the federal funding we are now receiving from the feds would likely be terminated. Do we want a public health crisis to happen? I surely hope not.

Enfin Serafin,

Alexandro "Colonel" Sablan
Dandan, Saipan

Force CUC to help its customers

The Hawaiian Electric Co. will soon be required by the state Public Utility Commission to help customers reduce their energy costs and install solar energy systems. The PUC made the strong move early last week, with the intention of addressing some of the many issues that Hawaiians have with the company—huge energy bills and lots of roadblocks to the installation and connection of personal solar systems.

The same is true in the CNMI—huge energy bills and lots of roadblocks to the installation and connection of personal solar systems from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

The CNMI PUC should do the same and force CUC to help customers reduce their energy costs instead of following Alan Fletcher's illegal moratorium on solar systems. The cost for a 4 kW solar system that will produce 720 kwh/m or $300/m, can be as low as $12,000 ($8,400 after the 30 percent tax credit). The simple payback for the solar power system is about 2.3 years with the 30 percent tax credit. After the payback period, the power from the solar system will be free and there will be no more payment to CUC except for administrative connection charge. The tax credit will expire on Dec. 31, 2016.

The new CUC board should make it incumbent on CUC to follow this roadmap to reduce energy cost for the people of the CNMI.

Wake up, people of the CNMI, and exert your rights to install and connect to the CUC grid in accordance with public law and lower your huge energy bill.

Fan makmatta taotoao Marianas, basta hit man mafababa nuesti siha taotao hiyong piotha esti i manianten i CUC.

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The Weather

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

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Palau	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼81
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼78
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Around The Globe

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Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼71
London	Showers	▲60	▼44
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲90	▼66
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲95	▼79
Melbourne	Sunny	▲69	▼49
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New York	Thundershowers	▲77	▼63
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Paris	Showers	▲60	▼46
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Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼55
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San Francisco	Sunny	▲75	▼55
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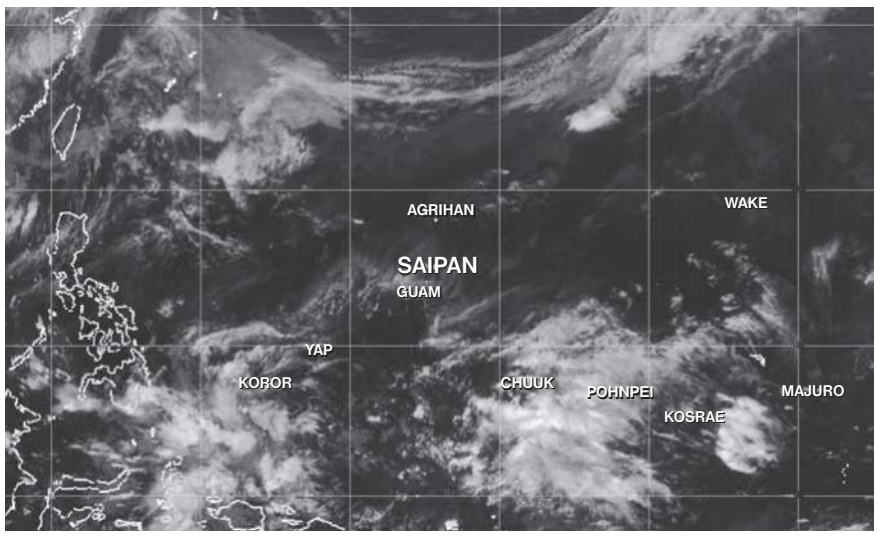
Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Converging surface winds are causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Okinawa or northwest of a line from 19N130E to 25N140E. A cold front extends southwestward from east of Minami Tori Shima near 25N158E to 23N155E then continues as a shear line across the northern CNMI near 18N146E to end near 17N140E. Cloudiness and scattered showers exist along and up to 160 miles northwest of the boundary with isolated thunderstorms present near Minami Tori Shima northwest of the boundary from 154E to 157E. Converging trade winds are coupling with divergent upper-level winds to produce scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over the Republic of Palau but southeast of Yap or west of a line from 11N135E to EQ141E. A trade-wind disturbance is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Chuuk and Pohnpei states south of a line from 11N145E to 13N156E to 10N 162E. Converging trade-winds are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of Kosrae within 120 miles of a line from 2N165E to 6N168E. Similar conditions are present east of Majuro east of a line from 5N178E to 9N175E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:31 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet
6:26 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
1:20 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
7:38 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:49 AM	6:37 PM
Tuesday	5:49 AM	6:38 PM
Wednesday	5:49 AM	6:38 PM
Thursday	5:49 AM	6:38 PM
Friday	5:48 AM	6:39 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:18 PM	3:37 AM
Tuesday	5:12 PM	4:20 AM
Wednesday	6:09 PM	5:07 AM
Thursday	7:08 PM	5:58 AM
Friday	8:07 PM	6:53 AM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	6:55pm	8:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA5038	7:45pm	8:35pm	2, 6
UA5078	8:10pm	9:00pm	3

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	5:35pm	6:10pm	2, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	6:40pm	7:15pm	2, 6

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11: 05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	10:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5038	5:35pm	7:15pm	2, 6 via Rota
UA5077	6:50pm	7:40pm	3

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	6:55pm	7:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	8:00pm	8:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	7:20pm	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL172/288	7:45am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5039	9:55am	6:25pm	7 via Guam
UA190/5038	9:55am	7:15pm	6 via Rota-Guam
UA190/5077	9:55am	7:40pm	3 via Guam
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via Guam
UA184/5038	10:25pm	7:15pm+1	1 via Rota-Guam
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via Guam
UA184/5038	11:30pm	7:15pm+1	5 via Rota-Guam

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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Kim OK'd to seal exhibits that back her call for payment of fees, costs

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has allowed Jung Ja Kim to file under seal exhibits to support her motion for payment of attorney's fees and costs against his former lawyer, Ramon K. Quichocho, his wife Frances, his law firm, and their company Karissa LLC.

In an order last week, Manglona said the exhibits contain, describe, or refer to communications, documents or information that is protected by the attorney-client or work product privilege.

The judge said she recognizes that documents supporting applications for attorney's fees contain confidential information that should be protected from public disclosure.

"Further, the court recognizes that protection of communications and thought processes protected by the attorney-client and/or work product privileges outweighs the presumption of the public's right to access court documents," Manglona said.

Kim, through counsel Robert T. Torres, asked the court to allow her to file the exhibits under seal. Torres said that Kim wants the court to issue an order allowing her to file the exhibits under seal to prevent the documents from being made part of the public record. The documents contain her billing records.

Kim recently asked the court to award her at least $250,000 more on top of the jury's verdict that awarded her $2.4 million in connection with her racketeering lawsuit and other claims against Quichochos, his law firm, his wife Frances, and Karissa LLC.

Kim, through her other counsel, Colin M. Thompson, asked the court to amend its final judgment to include an award of $225,000 instead of $75,000 for damages sustained under her RICO claims.

Kim also asked the court to award her attorney's fees for the prosecution of her RICO claims and for an award of all costs incurred in the prosecution of all claims and the defense of the counterclaims filed by the Quichochos. Thompson estimated Kim's attorney's fees in excess of $100,000.

Quichocho has opposed Kim's request.

In their opposition, Quichocho and his counsel Michael Dotts said that to award Kim treble damages on each RICO theory is tantamount to triple recovery on alternative theories.

The lawyers said the court should instead award Kim zero damages for the RICO claims because there is no basis in the record to justify the $25,000 award for each of the alternative RICO claims. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW14-IFB-003

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofshchneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Construction of Cheribiyan Road, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after May 02, 2014 at Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollares ($250.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Service Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on May 21, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. local time at the Project Site, Road to Gillette Gymnasium, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 2:30 p.m. local time on May 23, 2014 to Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Technical Services Division, DPW Oleai Joeten Commercial Center or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with all prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW14-IFB-003". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time May 28, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time May 28, 2014, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than May 28, 2014, and must be received no later than June 04, 2014. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 9:30 a.m. local time, June 05, 2014, However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 9:30 a.m. local time, on May 29, 2014.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the Northern Marianas Islands Code Section 70.30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, and
b) A Certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations)
exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Government Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred and Twenty (120) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at One hundred dollars ($100.00) per calendar day for delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement and Supply

UNITED STATES
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities is hereby gives notice that it will hold its 1st Quarter General Membership Meeting on May 13, 2014, from 10:00am –2:00pm at the Charley's Cabaret, Pacific Islands Club.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER
II. ROLL CALL
III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – December 30, 2013
V. ACTION ITEMS
  a. Approval of CRSP MOA between CDD and Ayuda Network, Inc.
  b. Approval/Ratification of Proposed FY 2015 Budget of Commonwealth Respite Services Program (CRSP)
  c. Approval of the Amendment to DD Basic Grant FY 2014 Budget to include total allotment award
  d. District Court Re-Payment
VI. REPORT
  a. Chairman
  b. Executive Director
  c. Fiscal Committee Chairperson
  d. State Plan Committee Chairperson
VII. OLD BUSINESS
  a. Commonwealth Respite Services Program (CRSP) Rules and Regulations Update
  b. AD Hoc Committee update
  c. CNMI Job Fair
  d. COTA update
VIII. NEW BUSINESS
  a. Autism Awareness Month
  b. Emergency & Disaster Preparedness Training
XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION
XII. MISCELLANEOUS
XIII. NEXT MEETING
XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Note: Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 13(a) 7, the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session.
In accordance to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting and require special accommodations are requested to call the Council 5 days in advance at 664-7000. The Public is welcome to submit written or 3 minutes oral comments regarding the agenda above.

/s/ Thomas J. Camacho
Chairman

This ad was paid for by funds from the DD Basic Grant Part A (Administrative)

Four Customs trainees finish second cycle of training

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Back row from left: Workforce Investment Agency trainees Don F. Teregeyo, Michael Alfred Pangelinan, and Customs director Jose C. Mafnas. Bottom row from left: Gov. Eloy S. Inos, WIA trainee Jennifer Deleon Guerrero, Labor Secretary Edith Deleon Guerrero, WIA trainee and CNMI veteran James Raymond I. Ada, and Finance Secretary Larissa Larson.

Four Division of Customs trainees from the CNMI Department of Labor Workforce Investment Agency Division completed the second cycle of the CNMI Division of Customs Service Basic Customs Training and were recognized for their accomplishments at the Office of the Governor's conference room on May 2, 2014.

The knowledge gained from the training is now being applied in the workplace as they continue training with the Division of Customs Services under the Work Experience Program of the CNMI DOL-WIA.

This is just one of many partnerships that the CNMI DOL-WIA engages to continue to provide employment training opportunities to qualified participants that are aligned with their individual occupational goals. ***(Office of the Governor)***

Good news for Guam's honeybees

In a United Nations report The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity, Pavan Sukhdev speaks to the invaluable service bees provide for humankind. "Not a single bee has ever sent you an invoice. And that is part of the problem—because most of what comes to us from nature is free, because it is not invoiced, because it is not priced, because it is not traded in markets, we tend to ignore it."

Dr. Ross Miller, entomologist at the University of Guam's Western Pacific Tropical Research Center, does not ignore bees. He has wanted to conduct a survey on Guam's bees for years. When USDA-APHIS announced the National Honey Bee Health Survey, Miller jumped at the opportunity to apply for funding to have Guam bees included in the survey. He believes there is a potential market for supplying U.S. beekeepers with queen bees from Guam.

"If Guam can be declared a varroa-free zone, beekeepers on island may be able to fill the U.S. demand for queen bees certified to be free of the damaging mite," said Miller.

The parasitic varroa mite has infected bee colonies throughout the U.S. mainland and Hawaii. An untreated infestation can kill an entire bee colony.

Since January, Chris Rosario, research assistant at UOG's Entomology Lab, has been wearing his protective bee suit around the island taking samples from domestic and feral bee colonies. The bees are shipped to USDA-APHIS in Maryland where technicians test for the dreaded varroa mite and possible diseases.

"So far all the samples sent from Guam have tested negative for mites, which is very good news for Guam aviculture," said Rosario.

Rosario is currently using a new procedure to send the bees for testing. The bees collected are put into a special bee box, then frozen in a blast freezer. The sample is packed in dry ice and sent via DHL to the states.

"The advantage to sending bees in this way rather than in alcohol is that now they can also be tested for various viruses and diseases," said Rosario.

There is still a need to sample several more domestic and feral hives on Guam. If you are raising bees or know the location of feral hives, contact Rosario at 487-1640. He would be happy to buzz over and collect a few bees for the National Honey Bee Health Survey.

Rosario will also be visiting the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota and would like to contact beekeepers or residents with information about feral hives. His contact email is rosarioc1640@gmail.com.

For more information about Western Pacific Tropical Research Center activities, visit www.wptrc.org. ***(UOG)***

OLYMPIA TERRAL

University of Guam research assistant Chris Rosario collects bees from a feral hive in Santa Rita.

COMMONWEALTH LOTTERY COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

A meeting of the Commonwealth Lottery Commission will be held on Monday May 12, 2014 and Tuesday May 13, 2014 in the Governor's Conference Room 1st Floor Juan Sablan Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. The following are the proposed agendas

Monday - May 12 Meeting at 10 a.m.

I. Meeting Called to Order
II. Public Comment
III. Adoption of Agenda
IV. Adoption of Minutes
V. Presentation by Lottery Commission Consultants
VI. Adjournment

Tuesday - May 13 Meeting at 1 p.m.

I. Meeting Called to Order
II. Public Comment
III. Adoption of Agenda
IV. Adoption of Minutes
V. Executive Session
VI. Report on Executive Session
VII. Adjournment

For further information, please contact the Lottery Commission at 664-2375.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Parole/Review/Revocation Hearing

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Board of Parole Office, and pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section II of the "Open Government Act of 1992". Notice is hereby given that a Parole/Review/Revocation Hearing is scheduled for **May 14, 2014, (Wednesday)** beginning at **9:00 A.M., and if needed be to continue on May 15, 2013, (Thursday) at 8:30 A.M.** at the **Jose M. Sablan Building, Department of Public Safety Conference Room, Susupe**, Saipan.

The following items are included in the agenda:

I. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Introduction to Board Legal Counsel
3. Roll Call
4. Presence of Quorum

II. Consent Items
1. Adoption of Agenda

III. Parole Application	**BOP No.**	**Criminal Case No.**
1. Terrence A. Fitial	13-009	10-0166E
2. Franklin Jesse Atalig	13-010	11-0273B/0218C
3. Patrick M. Calvo	13-013	08-0105A
4. Daniel N. Sablan Jr.	14-002	12-0099
5. Leon Joaquin Sanchez	14-004	12-0192(T)

IV. Review/Revocation	**BOP No.**	**Criminal Case No.**
P.V. No.: PV-14-001		
1. Ramon R. Evangelista	97-007	82-00003

V. Miscellaneous
1. Other Matters

VI. Adjournment

If you have any question, please call the Parole Office at telephone number 664-3300 or 3302.

/s/ Ramon B. Camacho
Chairman
Date: 05/6/14

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Executive Meeting

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Board of Parole Office, and pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section II of the "Open Government Act of 1992". Notice is hereby given that a **Executive Meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2014, (Thursday)** beginning at **9:00 A.M.,** at the **Jose M. Sablan Building, Department of Public Safety Conference Room, Susupe**, Saipan.

The following items are included in the agenda:

I. Preliminary Matters
A) Call to order
B) Introduction of New Board Counsel
Re:Attorney James Zarones
C) Roll Call
D) Presence of Quorum

II. Consent Items
A) Review/Adoption of Agenda
B) Adoption of Executive Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2013

III. New Business
A) Board Members seeking office
B) Appointment of Acting Chairman
C) Legislation to Clarify the effect of Revocation of Parole
D) Regulations to clarify the procedure for Commutation, Pardon & Reprieve process

IV. Old Business
A) Board Policy on the Conduct of Executive Meeting and Parole Hearings
B) Board's Drug Testing Policy
C) Board's Rules and Regulation review

V. Miscellaneous
A) Other Matters

VI. Adjournment

If you have any question, please call the Parole Office at telephone number 664-3300 or 3302.

/s/ Ramon B. Camacho
Chairman
Date: 05/6/14

AT HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS BUDGET HEARING

'Budget shortfall could force DPS to charge for funerals, sports events'

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

Department of Public Safety Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero told the House Ways and Means Committee on Thursday morning that DPS may be forced to charge the public with certain fees every time police force is asked to provide safety and security at funerals, sports events, religious processions at villages and similar events, if budget shortfalls are not addressed.

DPS was the second agency scheduled to appear before the House Ways and Means Committee to discuss their fiscal year 2015 budget. The first was the Department of Corrections last Wednesday. When the budget hearings continue tomorrow, it will be the Public School System's turn to appear before the panel, which is now reviewing the governor's proposed $134-million budget for 2015.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos proposed a $7.194-million budget for DPS for fiscal year 2015, down a bit from the 2014 budget of $7.215 million.

Deleon Guerrero told the House Ways and Means Committee that DPS was given assurance by the administration that any budget shortfall would be addressed by Compact-Impact funding.

"We don't want to charge for these [non-essential services such as funeral escorts] because these are kind of like embedded into local tradition and culture whether you like it or not but if you force us, then we're going to have to do it because we cannot sacrifice [addressing] the real crime that's being committed out there because we have to take care of all these things. If they fund us adequately, then we wouldn't have to resort to that," Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

The DPS commissioner was referring to services now provided to the public free of charge: school events, village religious processions almost every month, funeral security, sports events traffic assistance, among other things.

The commissioner said he expects Compact-impact funding to be over half a million dollars, although there is no final figure yet. DPS looks at tapping those funds for vehicle fuel and maintenance, which has been historically underfunded.

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House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), left, turns to his fellow lawmakers while Office and Management Budget's Vicky Villagomez, second from left, Department of Public Safety Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero, and DPS director of administration and general support services Kay Inos, right, look on during the House panel's hearing on DPS' budget Thursday on Capital Hill.

Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan) and other members took turns asking the DPS commissioner and DPS director of administration and general support services Kay Inos about the agency's funding needs and proposed budget.

Office of Management and Budget director Vicky Villagomez and Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson were also on hand to answer questions from the House committee.

Coast Guard, Air Force training at Warning Area 517 and FDM

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Coast Guard will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on May 13-15 from 8am to 4pm. The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on Farallon de Medinilla on May 14 and 15 from 10am to 7pm. The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. ***(PR)***

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP NO.: RFP14-CHCC-097
SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: MAY 28, 2014 TIME: 2:00 P.M.

"REVENUE CYCLE MANAGEMENT"

The scope of work is available on or after April 28, 2014 at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at Lower Base Drive during regular working hours.

Questions regarding this project may be submitted to ms. Esther I. Muna, CEO-CHCC via e-mail to esther.muna@dph.gov.mp no later than the close of business, May 16, 2014.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals; in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ ESTHER L. MUNA
Chief Executive Officer, CHCC

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, P&S

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
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/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff,	:	CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0260
-v-	:	
RAPHAEL I. RANGAMAR, Defendant.	:	

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on May 9, 2012, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Tract/Lot no. 103 D 01, situated in Gualo Rai, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 19,021 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 102 D 00 dated February 8, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 93-3284, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, May 30, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 8th day of April, 2014:

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Augustin Tudela Castro, Petitioner,	)	FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION
vs.	)	NO. 14-0145
Xuhong Xu Castro, Respondent,	)	**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**

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Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

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/s/Clerk of Court

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CPA-RFP-008-14

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA), a public corporation of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, hereby request for proposals to lease and/or develop the following properties:

1. Lot Number 090 E 03; containing an area of approximately 3,562 square meters; with improvement thereon ("As Is"); situated at the Port of Saipan area
2. Lot Number 090 E 02; containing an area of approximately 1,958 square meters; with improvement thereon ("As is"); situated at the Port of Saipan area
3. Lot Number 062 E 03; containing an area of approximately 1,725 square meters; with improvement thereon ("As Is"); situated at the Port of Saipan area

Proposal requirements can be picked up at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor, Arrival Terminal Building, at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport beginning April 30, 2014, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For additional information, contact the Enforcement/Lease Compliance Officer at (670) 237-6500. Interested parties are encouraged to make arrangements to visit the sites listed above.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposals to Lease and/or Develop CPA Property CPA-RFP-008-14". Proposers shall submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of its proposal no later than **4:30 p.m. on May 30, 2014.**

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (b) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

/s/ MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
Executive Director

MCS Club's 34th play takes audience 'under the sea'

» Sold-out show brings back a Disney classic

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club presented their 34th production, *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, in a two-day special show on Friday and Saturday night at the school's auditorium.

According to MCS president and Theatre Club adviser Gavin Deleon Guerrero, the play was sold out at its premiere show and had even more people on the second and final show.

"Despite all the headaches, heartaches, and body aches, what these students pull off with each production is truly miraculous," said Guerrero. "Staging a Broadway musical in particular is very difficult, but after months of preparation, and with the support of their parents and families, the cast and crew of *The Little Mermaid Jr.* performed another miracle, taking the audience to another world under the sea."

Director and junior student Aysia Santos is proud of the event's success, saying the group practiced vocals, choreography, and acting three days a week. "I was not sure if we could pull it off but we did," she told *Saipan Tribune*. "This was another successful event and it was definitely a team effort."

This year's play brought to life the animated Disney classic *The Little Mermaid,* about the mermaid Ariel's quest to leave her ocean home to live in a world above. The 16-year-old mermaid princess is dissatisfied with her life under the sea and longs to learn more about the human world. On her journey, she defies her father, the king of the sea, escapes the clutches of an evil sea witch, and convinces a prince that she is the girl with the perfect voice.

The 60-minute musical, based on the 2008 Broadway production and the 1989 animated Disney film, marked the club's 15th year of stage and film. It was also the first production to showcase the singing, dancing, and acting talents of students from first to 12th grade.

Sophomore Lance Deleon Guerrero, who played the role of the servant crab Sebastian, said this was his first time to sing on stage.

"This was the biggest role I've ever had in a play, so I worked extra hard. I rehearsed my songs in the shower, watched what I ate before I sang, and was very self-conscious about how I delivered my lines. This specific character is the only one who has a strong and unique accent, so delivery was a priority," he added.

Star student actors in last weekend's show included Junior student Luisa Camacho, who played the role of Ariel, Markel Sparkle Toves, who played the role of Prince Eric, Jonathan Pangelinan, who portrayed King Triton, and the evil sea witch Ursula, played by freshman Brianna Hunter.

Saipan resident Kanani Lee said the play was magical and beyond perfection. "The play was fun and interesting. I am excited to see what MCS has for us in the future!"

The Theatre Club staged the show on the school's historic stage where the CNMI Covenant and Constitution were signed. A portion of ticket proceeds will go to the "Save the Stage" campaign.

Guerrero said that staging the show on the historic stage was a way of tangibly demonstrating the school's faith in the campaign.

"In fulfillment of that faith… enough support poured in for the campaign that we were able to make it usable for this production, which included a backstage area, a higher back wall, and a repainted stage floor and facade. We thank all of our donors for their support, and look forward to continuing the 'Save the Stage' campaign in the months ahead," he said.

The Theatre club already has its eyes set on two more plays to take place next school year: Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* and *The Snow Queen.*

PHOTOS BY THOMAS A. MANGLONA

Mount Carmel School students Soon Kwon and director Aysia Santos open last weekend's play with a special song performance.

Junior student Luisa Camacho portrays the role of Ariel, *The Little Mermaid Jr.*

Students perform during the school's play last Friday. They were among several other elementary and high school students who put on special dance and song numbers.

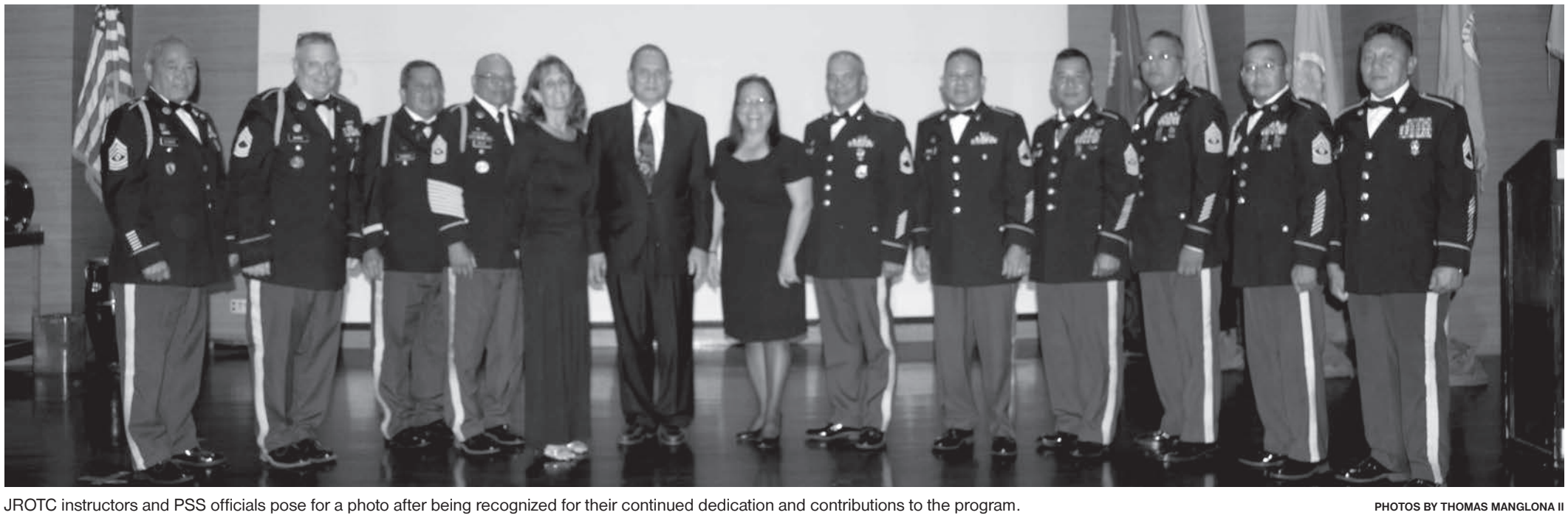
MCS freshman Michael Ortizo, as Chef Louis, in last weekend's *The Little Mermaid Jr.*

Lance Deleon Guerrero, as Sebastian, Jonathan Pangelinan, as King Triton, and William Minami, as flounder, walk on stage at the premier night of Mount Carmel School's 34th play.

Brianna Hunter, as Urusla, the evil sea witch.

Students take a bow after their performance.

Ayuyus hosts 22nd CNMI MSU JROTC Military Ball



JROTC instructors and PSS officials pose for a photo after being recognized for their continued dedication and contributions to the program.

PHOTOS BY THOMAS MANGLONA II

KSP2 News director Bob Coldeen delivered the keynote address at the 22nd annual MSU JROTC Military Ball last Saturday night and received a plaque of gratitude from Kagman Senior Army Instructor MSG James Burke.

Cadets from Rota join Saturday's celebration at Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Room.

Saipan Southern High School cadets.

» 'Good leadership is good citizenship'

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Kagman High School's JROTC Ayuyu Battalion successfully hosted this year's 22nd Annual CNMI Multiple School Unit Military Ball on Saturday at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Room.

About 300 cadets and JROTC instructors from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota attended the annual formal event. Schools in attendance included Saipan Southern High School, Rota's Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr./Sr. High School, Tinian High School, and Marianas High School.

Joining in on the celebration were Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, Board of Education chair Herman Guerrero, and Board of Education Rota representative Denise Tanya King.

The night's theme was "Good leadership is good citizenship."

Kagman High School Senior Army Instructor MSG James Burke said the purpose of the ball is to unite the five PSS battalions and celebrate their accomplishments and future goals for the CNMI.

"All of the school's accomplishments are off the scale. The students are up against tremendous talent and for them to represent the CNMI in the mainland very well shows people who we are," he said.

CNMI JROTC teams have garnered both national and local recognition in drill competitions in the past few years. Recently, Saipan Southern High School and Kagman High School cadets made it to the finals in the JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl Level III championship competition, besting over a thousand other JROTC school programs. Additionally, the Manta Ray battalion also came out third in the U.S. Army Cadet Command JROTC National Drill Championship.

These accolades, among many others, are something that Commissioner Sablan said "proves that the JROTC program never fails."

"It has always prevailed in so many ways and passed on a lot of great skills and talents," she told audience members. Sablan thanked the cadets, school officials, and parents for continuing to support the program.

Sablan noted that although the JROTC program is not intended to mold students into becoming "a military person," data has shown that 30 percent of students who join the program later pursue a career in the military.

KSPN 2 News director Bob Coldeen was the keynote speaker. He told the cadets to think of society as a basketball team. "You need all kinds of differences to make a good team. Someone who is tall, someone who can shoot, someone who can pass, someone who can come off the bench. A team needs lots of different parts to make one complete whole."

Coldeen added: "Not everybody can be a leader. But everyone can be a good team player. That's where citizenship comes in. Your world starts with you."

He reminded students to invest in all aspects of their health—mentally, physically, and spiritually.

The night also treated students to a first class buffet, cultural performances, and a raffle drawing.

A cadet from Tinian said JROTC has helped her become more disciplined and knowledgeable of how to deal with real-life situations.

She said, "I do not plan to join the military, but JROTC helped me become a better leader."

Kagman High School cadet Paolo Reyes said he was happy to see the big turnout at the event. Reyes, a junior, was one of the many students coordinating last weekend's event.

"It is my first time to host this kind of event. I joined JROTC when I was a freshman and I encourage others to do the same. The program changed my life," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Beda Mundo, a graduating senior from Rota, expressed similar sentiments. The 17-year-old student plans to graduate from college and join the military.

"This program has greatly impacted my life and made me a better citizen for my country and island. I plan to come back to serve just as our instructors have," she said. "JROTC has paved the way for realizing my educational goals."

Concluding the ceremony was the recognition of 40 senior cadets who will be graduating from high school this year.

The CNMI PSS JROTC program was established 23 years ago and has since seen many students become successful adults and become service members.

Do Re Mi's violin recital a genre-crossing spectacular

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

Perhaps a violin recital sounds like a rather tame event. That is, until you see violinists of different ages and varying levels of skill take the stage as what happened at Do Re Mi Music School's 22nd Annual Violin Recital on May 9 and 10.

Both young and veteran violinists appeared comfortable playing a variety of styles—classical, jazz, gypsy, salon, and intricate Chinese music—for a total of 43 pieces played on both days.

Do Re Mi's founder, Ao Zhang, along with 13 students wearing formal gowns and suits played Mozart's *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* and Beethoven's *Ode To Joy* to kick off both nights.

After the big opening number, soloists accompanied by partnered pianists came next, followed by groups of violinists playing classical pieces by Antonio Vivaldi, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Vittorio Monti, Henry Mancini, Ludwig van Beethoven, Johann Sebastian Bach, and Park Jong Song.

Most of the musical pieces were played with great skill but the obvious audience favorite was the final performances of *Moon Waltz*, *Thorn Bird*, and *Parlez Moi d'Amour*.

Grace Cha, 13, along with her friends Julia Ishikawa, 13, and Gil Villagomez, 13, enjoyed the show and said that they were there to watch their bestfriend Tania Tan and Kate Ishida do their concert recital.

"I came here to watch my friend Tania. She was so beautiful and elegant and the performance was enjoyable, particularly the ending," Cha said.

Villagomez was there for the same reason as Cha. Ishikawa said she enjoyed Tan's and Ishida's performances.

"They were both amazing and it surprised me that they were talented. They looked so gorgeous and I really enjoyed the recital," Ishikawa said.

The performers' parents made up a large part of the supportive audience, with parents and supporters of the violinists presenting them flowers after each performance.

Colin Thompson, father of Jinju, 8, and Jinie, 11, was so proud of his daughters. "They played a duet together and they have been practicing a lot. We're very proud of them and also grateful for the teachers and their fantastic school and program. I have been watching my kids improve their talent during Do Re Mi," Thompson said.

Jinju and Jinie did a duet of Mozart's *Canon Inversus*, with their contrapuntal notes creating a beautiful harmony that amazed the crowd.

Zhang himself was proud of his students. He said the children practiced for weeks every single day that they had the chance.

"We did a lot of hard practice and it was a great recital," Zhang said. "Everyday a student has a teacher for each part and student is being taught from two to three hours a day."

Zhang noted that the violin is the hardest and most complex of musical instruments and the skill his students have shown throughout the years have enabled them to pursue careers in music.

"Over the years since 1991 our school has seen students gain admittance into well-respected music schools, including the world-renowned Juilliard School of Music and The Peabody Institute of John Hopkins University," he said.

Zhang thanks everyone for coming to the two-night event and hoped that they would return for next year's recital.

A group of girl violinists open the violin recital. JAYSON CAMACHO

Four young violinists take the stage to play Beethoven's *Ode to Joy.* JAYSON CAMACHO

These young violinists awe the crowd with *Eine kleine nachtmusik* serenade by Mozart. JAYSON CAMACHO

Alex Chan plays *Jeanie With the Light Brown Hair* by Fritz Kreisler. JAYSON CAMACHO

A young girl plays *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* on her small violin. JAYSON CAMACHO

Sisters Jinie Thompson, right, and Jinju Thompson, left, surprises the crowd with their cute rendition of *Canon Inversus.* JAYSON CAMACHO

Male violinists take the stage to perform *Concerto No. 1 Four Seasons.* JAYSON CAMACHO

Two girls play *Moon Waltz* as part of the grand finale of the night. JAYSON CAMACHO

Daiki Maru salvage operation is nearing an end

APRA HARBOR, Guam—Salvage operations and clean-up efforts are nearing an end for the grounded Japanese fishing vessel *Daiki Maru 7* in outer Apra Harbor on May 9.

Nearly two-thirds of the vessel has been safely removed for disposal by a unified command of partner agencies collaborating to mitigate environmental and safety dangers to Guam.

"There has been great progress and we are getting close to an end," said Capt. Mike Ward, Naval Base Guam commanding officer. "There is about a third of the vessel left with the bow and the stern salvaged, safely removed from the area and put in a location to be disposed of. We still have the middle portion of the vessel where the engine sits and that will be the last part of the salvage effort."

U.S. NAVY/TIMOTHY WILSON

The *Daiki Maru 7* salvage operation is nearing an end as only a third of the vessel remains intact in Apra Harbor on May 9. Since the fishing vessel ran aground in Apra Harbor Feb. 13, all recoverable hazardous materials from the vessel have been removed while the Navy and other partner agencies have taken continuous steps to mitigate environmental damage.

"We have not had any major safety incidents and that is our primary focus as we work every day with the responsible party and the salvage team to ensure we are safe in all our operations while making steady progress."

A contract salvage team is utilizing an on-site barge and crane to disassemble the vessel in preparation for transport to shore and proper disposal. All recoverable hazardous materials have been removed from the vessel, which ran aground Feb. 13.

Contract teams conduct cleanup operations regularly to ensure demolition debris from the vessel does not further impact the environment as salvage continues.

The unified command consists of representatives from Naval Base Guam, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam and the responsible party. Other agencies that have been involved in all aspects of planning from the standup include Joint Region Marianas operations department, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas environmental personnel, NOAA, Guam Fish and Wildlife Service, Guam Environmental Protection Agency, Mammoet Salvage, and Osroco.

US Coast Guard cutters complete Western Pacific fisheries patrols

By ENSIGN FREDDY HOFSCHNEIDER
U.S. COAST GUARD

U.S. Coast Guard cutters *Assateague* and *Sequoia* recently returned to Apra Harbor, Guam, after each cutter completed patrols as part of Operation Rai Balang, a regional fisheries operation between the United States, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, and Republic of Marshall Islands. The cutters combined transited more than 7,500 nautical miles over 40 days at sea through the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Island's exclusive economic zone and surrounding high seas.

Shipriders from the Federated States of Micronesia maritime police sailed aboard the cutters to lead joint boardings and assisted Coast Guard crewmembers with ensuring compliance of all applicable laws within the respective exclusive economic zones.

Sequoia began their deployment by heading north to patrol the 200 nautical mile border of the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Island's exclusive economic zone and surrounding high seas. After approximately two weeks, the cutter returned to homeport for fuel and supplies before beginning the transit southwest of Guam to monitor fishing activities in the western Federated States of Micronesia's exclusive economic zone near Yap. *Sequoia's* law enforcement personnel conducted several boardings over the course of the patrol, ensuring compliance with fisheries regulations.

Less than a week later, *Assateague* left for their patrol and transited east of Guam into the high seas to begin regional fisheries enforcement. Similar to *Sequoia's* patrol, the crew conducted several boardings of foreign-flagged fishing vessels ensuring compliance pursuant to specific maritime laws and regulations.

"The crew was able to maximize our resources, capabilities and effectiveness to carry out bilateral law enforcement efforts during the operation," said Lt. Jared Silverman, commanding officer of *Assateague*. "I commend them and all our partnering units for their outstanding interoperability and furthermore contributing to the maritime surveillance coordination here in the Pacific."

U.S. COAST GUARD

U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Assateague* makes an approach into the Pohnpei Harbor in the Federated States of Micronesia.

The Coast Guard performs the maritime fisheries patrols under bilateral agreements with several Pacific Island nations. In what is known as a shiprider agreement, the service is able to engage in joint maritime surveillance operations where a visiting law enforcement officer rides aboard a Coast Guard vessel or aircraft. The partnership enables the Coast Guard to exercise additional authorities on behalf of the host nation and provides increased law enforcement capabilities to the host nation. Overall, these joint efforts encompass the importance the continued multi-national surveillance operations in the Pacific. With the fishing capacity increasing steadily through the years, it has been essential to have effective management and surveillance operations to avoid the overfishing of highly migratory fish stocks within the region.

"I believe I speak for all of them by saying that it is a humbling experience to be able to assist in the sustainability of the region's fisheries resources that are truly essential to the people of the pacific," said Silverman.

Serving as the Coast Guard's largest area of responsibility, expanding more than 12.2 million square miles, the 14th Coast Guard District proudly maintains a distinctive operational responsibility including assisting foreign Pacific island nations with their maritime law enforcement efforts.

Guam Legislature OKs live cattle import from the CNMI

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

The Guam Legislature passed on Friday a bill that, once signed by the territory's governor, would pave the way for the CNMI to export cattle or livestock to Guam. The measure removes a required test for a cattle disease that is endemic to the whole Marianas but is no longer considered a major concern by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"We're one step from successfully getting this done," CNMI Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Arnold Palacios told *Saipan Tribune* hours after the bill's passage at the Guam Legislature.

Bill 297-32, authored by Guam Speaker Judith T. Won Pat and Sen. Vicente C. Pangelinan, amends Guam's animal quarantine regulations to, among other things, make the importation of live animals, particularly cattle, less restrictive to import, by allowing the use of a Brucellois card or field test as an alternative to testing in a laboratory and to remove the requirement that cattle be free of Anaplasomosis.

Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo is expected to sign the bill, as he and CNMI Gov. Eloy S. Inos agreed to work together on improving trade relations between the two island territories. That was during the Marianas Governors Summit held on Saipan late last year.

During their inaugural session in November, the Mariana Islands Legislature Association comprising CNMI and Guam lawmakers also identified this as among key topics of discussion. The CNMI delegation requested Guam lawmakers to revise the current law. MILA is an arm of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, the current president of which is Guam's Won Pat.

Won Pat said Saturday she's pleased that her colleagues in the Guam Legislature passed her bill on Friday, which, if enacted into law, would streamline the process for testing of cattle for importation into Guam from the CNMI.

"Local cattle farmers [in] Guam and the CNMI will have the opportunity to develop this industry. This would mean more revenues and more affordable and fresh sources of beef," Won Pat told *Saipan Tribune*, when sought for comment.

She said the next step for Guam would be to build a slaughterhouse where the meat from cattle and pigs could be prepared for sale in local markets.

"Fresh, local meat is beneficial to our island and the CNMI because it provides a sustainable food base. There is definitely a niche for this market," Won Pat said.

CNMI ranchers also look forward to the bill's passage into law.

Isidoro Cabrera, a longtime rancher in the CNMI, said Sunday night he's "very happy and glad" the bill passed and now only awaits the Guam governor's signature.

"It's about time ranchers and farmers on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota could start exporting live cows and cattle to Guam. It will help both economies," he said in a phone interview. Instead of Guam importing from other places, it could now import from the CNMI, which is only less than an hour away, he said.

Won Pat said the breeding of livestock between Guam and the CNMI would also strengthen the genetic line. She said local farmers in Guam showed their support for the bill and provided testimony during the public hearing.

Won Pat also encourages the Guam governor to sign the bill into law "so that Guam and CNMI farmers can finally begin importing cattle to Guam."

The Inos administration is also optimistic about the bill's progress. Press secretary Angel Demapan earlier said a regulation in particular that has made it difficult for livestock transport is the requirement for an anaplasmosis test as a condition of entry into Guam.

"Anaplasmosis is a cattle disease that is endemic to Guam and the CNMI. However, it is no longer considered to be of major importance by the U.S. Department of Agriculture," Demapan said. The CNMI, he said, has sought to enhance and facilitate movement of CNMI cattle to Guam, "where a serious inbreeding problem is widely evident."

"These overly restrictive quarantine regulations have been causing unnecessary and unwanted productive and reproductive problems and failures," Demapan had said.

For several years, the CNMI DLNR has been requesting Guam's Department of Agriculture to propose amendments to phase out entry requirements and conditions that are no longer considered essential, are overly restrictive, or are not performing their intended purpose. The matter has since involved the CNMI and Guam governors and lawmakers.

18 candidates vie for 1st Pinoy Super Mom 2014

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UFO president Annamae Adaza said they are presenting another quality show, this time to give recognition to "all mothers who work hard for the family, women of power, women who are outspoken, can express themselves, and are career-oriented."

The 18 candidates are Elena Delos Santos, Estrella Roja Decena, Norlyn Cabrera, Jennifer Kaipat, Precilla Villafuerte, Joy Legaspi, Nora Ayuyu, Teresita Pangelinan, Matilde Gutierrez, Rebecca Urbano, Virginia Cruz, Mylene Sapio, Melba Camacho, Antonieta Magbanua, Rodilita Agbanlog, Sheryll Sabino, Catherine Regalado, and Josephine Tengco.

Adaza said they originally had 26 participants but due to conflict of work schedules, the other eight cannot join anymore.

"It's about time to show the CNMI that mothers can create a great show as well. This will be brought to us by Docomo Pacific," Adaza said.

According to her, the candidates will undergo training, which includes a series of rehearsals for personal development.

"It's more on personal development, in which they develop more self-confidence, with their very strict pageant choreographer and director Ernie Molina, who has been in the pageant industry for more than 10 years. He is also a certified academic and skilled trainer for Filipino performing artists," Adaza said.

She assured that the candidates are guaranteed to learn a lot from Molina.

"Our mothers are excited about the pageant. Most of them are joining just for experience, exposure, and of course the prize is so enticing. We even encourage them to join the Zumba classes that the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. offers for free."

The pageant is open for mothers 25 years old and above.

The prizes are $800, $500, and $300 for first place, second, and third, respectively. There are eight special awards and all non-winners will also receive prizes. The contest categories are Production Number, Talent competition, Evening Gown competition, and question-and-answer portion.

The pageant is being be staged as part of the celebration of the 116th Philippine Independence Day on June 14 at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Adaza said the pageant will be the event's evening highlight.

During daytime, UFO will be having a medical mission spearheaded by Triskelion Tau Gamma Phi, led by their president Allan Hernandez; a food contest spearheaded by Akap Pinoy, which still needs to be finalized; and the *bahay kubo* or nipa hut-making contest. To register, call or text Ana De Guzman at 989-2498 or Shelfa Gaviola at 989-8435.

For the father and child singing contest (father/son or father/daughter), call or text Olive Yana at 233-3854 or Nel Atalig at 989-3858. It has prizes of $100, $75, and $50 for first, second, and third place, respectively.

For vendors who wish to join, call or text Lyn Dela Cruz at 789-8386 or Flor Miranda at 989-4112.

Adaza also noted that people should expect more games, entertainers, and dancing time for everyone.

UFO is looking for more sponsors to defray their expenses and prizes and they are having a souvenir book as well.

For more details, call or text Adaza at 483-5237, UFO secretary Mario Mayuga at 285-1021, or pageant choreographer and director Molina at 789-8212.

BECQ staff in burglary case allowed to post property bond

The Superior Court has allowed a staff of the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality who is facing charges of burglarizing the house of his two co-workers to post a property bond.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho granted last seek BECQ environmental specialist Elmer John D. Sablan's motion to modify his $100,000 cash bail by allowing him instead to post a $100,000 property bond.

Sablan was placed under house arrest and released to his wife as third-party custodian.

Among the conditions require him to stay away from poker parlors and pawnshops, and subject to drug test. He is allowed to leave the house only if accompanied by his wife.

Sablan will be arraigned today, Monday.

Camacho early last week found probable cause to find that burglary, theft, and conspiracy were committed and that Sablan and co-defendant Larry M. Sugiyama may have committed these offenses.

According to police detective Francisco Iginoef, Sablan and Sugiyama burglarized a house being rented by Saipan runner Steven Johnson and his girlfriend, Kaitlin Mattos. At that time, the couple had a guest triathlete from the Philippines.

Iginoef said that Sablan and Sugiyama confessed that they were involved in the burglary on April 17, 2014, and that they sold the items they stole to different people.

Police later recovered some of the stolen items during follow-up investigation.

According to Johnson's guest, she went jogging before 9am but she did not lock the front door. When she returned before 9:40am, she noticed that some items, including her iPhone, were missing.

Sugiyama told police that it was Sablan's idea to burglarize the house in Chalan Kiya because he lost his paycheck after playing poker at Lucky 7 Poker in Susupe. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

$2M worth of medical equipment donated to Guam hospital

TAMUNING, Guam—U.S. Naval Hospital Guam and the Guam Memorial Hospital held a joint press conference to announce the Navy's donation of an estimated $2 million of select equipment to the local health care facility in Tamuning on May 8.

The transfer included radiology equipment such as a CT scanner system, nuclear medicine system, fluoroscopic system, and about 1,200 other line items.

"Guam is a part of the United States," said USNH Guam Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Plummer. "We enjoy a relationship the military and the community like none other (than) I've seen in 27 years. There is great value in having the strategic importance of this location strengthened by relationships like this. It's as simple as that."

Plummer added that one of the reasons it was important for the Navy to help out the local community is to increase mission readiness.

"Navy medicine is in the readiness business," he said. "On this island one of the things we also recognize, and it's very unique to Naval Hospital Guam alone, is in somewhat of an isolated community we have a responsibility beyond that training and readiness and that's in emergency response, and that's in training in contingencies that would occur in the community."

According to Plummer the donation took about a year to plan and process through the Defense Reutilization Marketing Office process, with the support of Joint Region Marianas.

GMH chief executive officer Joseph Verga said the donation will allow the facility to conduct more diagnostic procedures and added the various items can also be used as backup equipment in the event of an emergency.

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Seated from left: U.S. Naval Hospital Guam commanding officer Capt. Jeffrey Plummer, Lt. Gov. of Guam Ray Tenorio, and Guam Memorial Hospital CEO Joseph Verga hold a joint press conference to announce USNH Guam's donation of $2 million worth of medical equipment to GMH at the local hospital in Tamuning on May 8.

From left: U.S. Naval Hospital Guam commanding officer Capt. Jeffrey Plummer, Lt. Gov. of Guam Ray Tenorio, and Guam Memorial Hospital chief executive officer Joseph Verga congratulate each other after a joint press conference at GMH in Tamuning on May 8.

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"This will be a wonderful addition and benefit to not only GMH but ultimately for the people of Guam, and ultimately enable us to establish those new services here at the hospital that we've been unable to offer," he said.

Verga estimated the donation saved GMH about $2 million as the items would have cost $4 million if they were bought new.

Guam Lt. Gov. Ray Tenorio also participated in the conference and thanked the Navy for assisting to raise the quality-of-life for all residents.

"We've built a strong relationship in the Government of Guam with the Navy, with our civilian counterparts, with private providers because we recognize that we can't all do it ourselves," he said. "We're a very close island and it makes sense for us all to be part of that mentality of a joint region because in truth Northern Marianas and all the Pacific territories and states to the south of us come to Guam." ***(Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office)***

Forecast is cloudy for man whose wife seeks the sun

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 18 years to a wonderful woman who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer a few years ago. We don't know how much time she has left, but she feels the cancer has robbed her of her "retirement." She is trying to persuade our family to move to Florida so she can enjoy some warm weather.

Abby, for many reasons I do not want to move. We have lived in the Midwest all our lives. My elderly parent would be all alone if we move, and I have a sibling who is also terminally ill.

I have had the same job for 25 years, and I don't want to give it up because I have the freedom to do much of my work from home, which allows me to help my wife and have income as well. If we move, there would be no guarantee that I could find a similar work situation that is so beneficial.

My wife says I'm being selfish because I'm unwilling to leave my job, family and friends to do as she wants. I understand her desire to live in a warmer climate, but I think she's the one who is being selfish. What do you think?

WANTS TO STAY PUT

DEAR WANTS TO STAY PUT: I think the winter in the Midwest was brutal this year, and now the spring rains have arrived, which are also depressing. But in a short time the flowers will bloom and the warmth of summer and autumn will last for the next half-year.

Why not take a vacation (or leave) from your job for the next three or four weeks? If you telecommute, you could still get some work done and let your wife have her dose of sunshine. Surely someone can check on your parent and keep you informed about your sibling for that short time. I do not recommend moving anywhere permanently because there's no guarantee you'd find a job that compensates you as well as the one you have, and you may need the income.

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DEAR ABBY: A tall, attractive man came into the insurance office where I work to buy an auto insurance policy. I haven't talked with men outside of my church in a long time, so I was nervous. I thought my heart would explode from beating so fast.

He will be coming back in a couple of weeks, and I'm afraid if I don't ask him out, I will regret it. I don't know how to approach him or ask a guy out at all. Help!

NERVOUS OUT WEST

DEAR NERVOUS: The man may be married, so take it slow. If he comes in before noon, casually mention there's a restaurant not far away that serves good food and offer to show him. If he comes in later, use the old "want to grab a cup of coffee?" gambit. Either of these will give you a chance to talk with him and find out more about him without being overly obvious.

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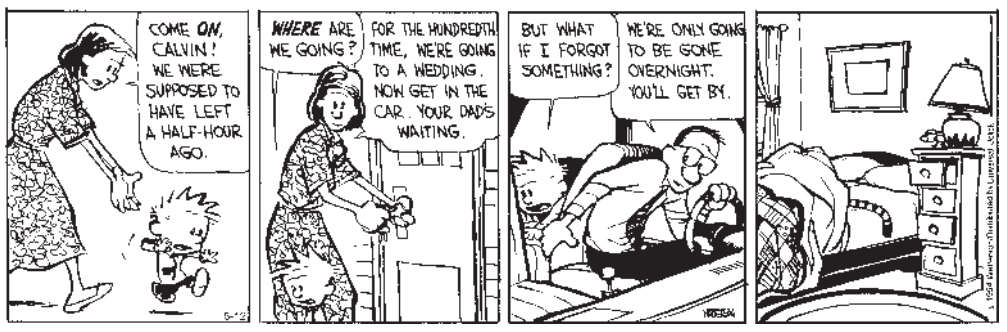
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


COME ON, CALVIN! WE WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE LEFT A HALF-HOUR AGO.
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
FOR THE HUNDREDTH TIME, WE'RE GOING TO A WEDDING. NOW GET IN THE CAR. YOUR DAD'S WAITING.
BUT WHAT IF I FORGOT SOMETHING?
WE'RE ONLY GOING TO BE GONE OVERNIGHT. YOU'LL GET BY.

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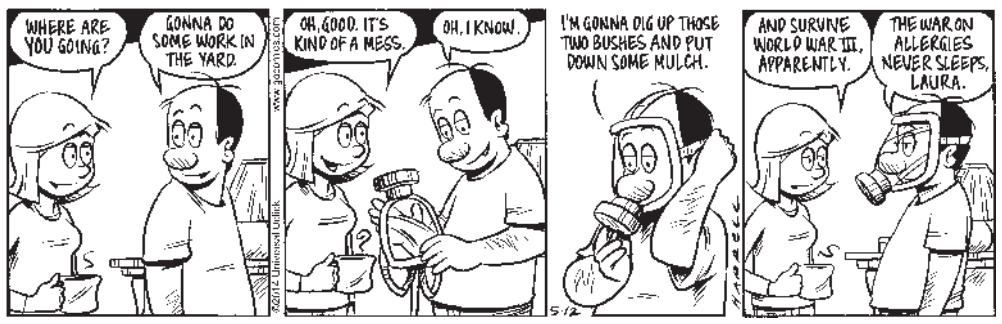
By Jim Davis

IT SAYS HERE THAT YOU SHOULD GREET MONDAY MORNING WITH A SMILE
JIM DAVIS 5-12
OR NOT
HOW ABOUT A GUT-WRENCHING SCREAM OF DESPERATION?

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
GONNA DO SOME WORK IN THE YARD.
OH, GOOD. IT'S KIND OF A MESS.
OH, I KNOW.
I'M GONNA DIG UP THOSE TWO BUSHES AND PUT DOWN SOME MULCH.
AND SURVIVE WORLD WAR III, APPARENTLY.
THE WAR ON ALLERGIES NEVER SLEEPS, LAURA.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Track circuit
4 Bedouins
9 Cistern
12 Hockey venue
13 "Sound of Music" heroine
14 Yale student
15 Wordiness
17 Fish eggs
18 "— Doubtfire"
19 Dodged
21 Merry
24 Italian painter Guido
25 Hearty brew
26 Lower limb
28 Vision
31 Chicago exchange, for short
33 Flop
35 Orchard member
36 Chest
38 Utah neighbor (Abbr.)
40 Author Fleming
41 "Oh, woe!"
43 Historic events
45 Witty comeback
47 Exist
48 Parisian pal
49 Bright red
54 Ailing
55 Father of Eero Saarinen
56 That woman
57 Coloring agent
58 Slight error
59 Tend the lawn

DOWN
1 Actress Ullmann
2 Blackjack component
3 Apiece
4 Unprincipled
5 Grappled, slangily
6 "Entourage" role
7 Nasty pooch, maybe
8 "Eight Men Out" director John
9 Blue-green deposit on copper
10 Burn remedy
11 Even
16 Obesity stat
20 One
21 Door-frame piece
22 Bread spread
23 Multi-skilled
27 Pistol
29 Ardor
30 Cash-drawer section
32 Utah neighbor (Abbr.)
34 Maligns
37 Wonder
39 Manly
42 Engraved pillar
44 One of the kin (Abbr.)
45 Incursion
46 Girl in "David Copperfield"
50 Tear
51 Doctrine
52 Cry of discovery
53 Fresh

Solution time: 27 mins.

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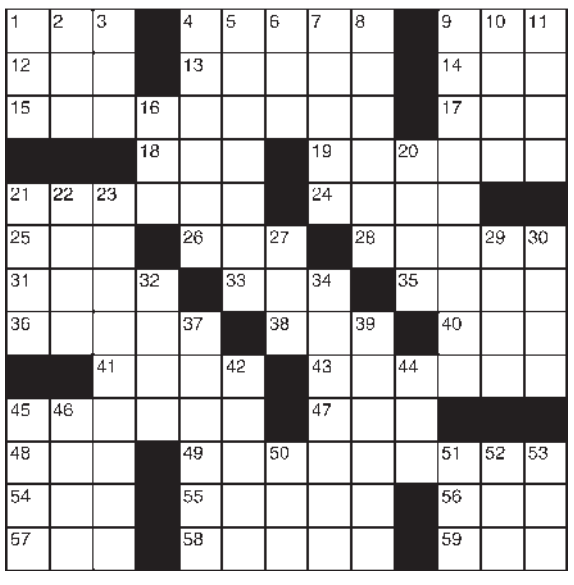
Friday's answer 5-12



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Happy Birthday: Bring peace to the table. Work alongside others to build a stronger and better personal and professional environment. Get your priorities straight and your health in tiptop shape. A progressive, positive approach will bring good results. Honesty and integrity must be maintained in all your dealings regardless of what others do, in order to protect your reputation and status. Your numbers are 7, 10, 16, 20, 24, 37, 41.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Diplomacy will be necessary when dealing with the personal or professional people in your life. Listen carefully and answer mindfully, giving a positive twist to whatever you contribute. It's not so much what you say, but how you say it. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Don't leave anything to chance. Make sure you have the skills and qualifications for whatever you take on prior to making a commitment. Guard against minor mishaps. Use charm and temptation to get the assistance you need. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Get with it and get fit. Self-improvement projects will pay off and helping a cause or someone who has something to offer in return will lead to positive change as long as you don't promise something you cannot deliver. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Partnership problems will develop due to a lack of attention or costly decisions. Find a way to compensate or make alternative arrangements that will please everyone. Keeping the peace will help you stay on schedule and avoid discord. ✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Make personal changes that will lift your spirits and your confidence. If you look good, you will feel good. Take care of elders and tend to domestic responsibilities. Invest in your surroundings or plan to make a positive move. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Keep your money and your possessions in a safe place. Don't get involved in joint ventures or offer to donate or pay for someone else. Study your situation thoroughly and make decisions based on facts and figures. Someone's motives look suspicious. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Disagreements are likely to end in a stalemate. Consider your reputation, status and the emotional consequences that can unfold if you don't strive to compromise. Change is inevitable, so make the most of it. Physical mishaps or minor illness are evident. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Focus on home, family and improving your living space. Having a good workstation or place to enjoy spending time with loved ones will help add harmony to your environment. Avoid impulsive moves or decisions that can alter an important relationship. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Changes you initiate at home will bring you joy and enhance an important relationship. Do the work yourself and save money, but don't risk injury doing something that requires an expert. Love is magnified and romance will bring you closer to someone special. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Take a step back and listen and observe today. You'll gain valuable information and bypass making a mistake that can disrupt your plans. Stick close to home and work diligently on a project that needs to be fine-tuned. Keep the peace. ✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): You can finalize deals, settlements, investments and any other important issue that arises. Making home improvements or altering your current living arrangements will turn out well and benefit you mentally, physically and monetarily. Put more time and effort into love and romance. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Deception is apparent. You may not want to hear the truth or someone might withhold information, but either way, refrain from letting your heart rule your head. Look at the facts and use common sense. Protect your reputation. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are expressive, quick and eager to participate. You are goal-oriented.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

8				4				
	6					9		1
	5	4	6	3	9	7		
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	2				6			
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Difficulty Level ★ 5/12

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

7	4	2	6	5	9	1	8	3
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4	1	8	9	6	5	7	3	2
6	9	7	8	2	3	5	1	4
1	6	5	2	9	7	3	4	8
8	7	4	5	3	6	9	2	1
3	2	9	4	1	8	6	7	5

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 5/5

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

DAVID BRENNER (1936-2014) **Solution: 13 letters**

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N	C	O	D	S	A	C	A	A	W	A	R	D	S	O
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R	L	E	T	C	D	R	I	R	D	S	N	I	P	T
S	E	A	W	A	A	E	P	I	M	V	H	R	U	U
K	R	A	R	R	R	M	O	E	T	P	O	E	N	A
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O	K	S	T	O	U	R	O	E	R	I	T	T	H	H
B	A	T	E	H	O	D	D	E	U	A	T	O	L	I
O	M	A	R	M	Y	A	G	O	L	A	N	R	I	L
I	M	N	E	N	L	N	L	L	Y	M	M	E	N	D
D	L	D	N	I	I	C	A	W	F	A	T	H	E	R
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Last Friday's Answer: Pressure

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	AUCTION and
Defendant.	**JUDICIAL SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 31st day of July, 2013, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgage Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **12th day of June, 2014 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 345 R 40, situated in Sinapalo I, Rota, as shown in the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 345 R 02 dated December 19, 1983, on file in said office, said land containing an area of 950 square meters more or less.

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DATED this 24th day of April, 2014.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST,	**Civil Action No. 11-0104**
Plaintiff,	
vs.	
VICENTE P. CASTRO and DOLORES C. PANGELINAN,	**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT**
and	
PREPEDIGNA KILELEMAN, BERNARD KILELEMAN, and TYRONE KILELEMAN	
Successors in Interest	
Defendants.	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 17, 2014 at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held before Judge Joseph N. Camacho on Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment in the abovecaptioned matter, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, *Guma Hustisia*, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of April, 2014.

/s/
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Spurs go up 3-0 with 118-103 win over Blazers

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Spurs coach Gregg Popovich took pains to make sure guard Tony Parker was well rested for the playoffs.

"I barely played in April," Parker said. "I was joking with Pop if I was still with the Spurs."

The break has paid off.

Parker scored 29 points and San Antonio took a 3-0 lead in its Western Conference semifinal series against the Portland Trail Blazers with a 118-103 victory on Saturday night.

Parker has scored 29 or more points in three of his last four playoff games. He had 20 points in the first half alone in Game 3 against Portland.

"He's been the engine for us," Popovich said. "He started out really well tonight. He made shots, he involved everybody else. He was playing great D at the other end. He's really playing a whole complete game

The Spurs led by as many as 23 points in the first half, building a big early lead just as they had in the first two games of the series in San Antonio.

"I think it just happened," Parker said of the third straight game with a big jump on Portland. "We just wanted to come in and have a good start, take care of the ball and play good defense like we did at home."

The teams meet again on Monday night at the Moda Center.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 21 points and 12 rebounds for the Portland, which pulled within eight points in the third quarter but couldn't get any closer. The Blazers were hurt by 15 turnovers and only six points from their bench.

"They're just persistent," Aldridge said. "They play championship basketball and that's what we have to get to."

No NBA team has come back from a 3-0 deficit to win a seven-game series. In 2003, the Blazers rebounded with three wins after dropping the first three against Dallas, but ultimately lost the first-round series' deciding game.

San Antonio, the top seed in the West, is vying for a second straight trip to the finals: Last season the Spurs fell to the Miami Heat in seven games.

The winner of the series goes on to meet the winner of the conference semifinal between Oklahoma City and the Clippers. The Thunder lead that series 2-1.

San Antonio has dominated this one.

On Thursday night, the Spurs built a 20-point lead and won 114-97. The Spurs routed the Blazers 116-92 in the series opener after a hard-fought seven-game series against the Dallas Mavericks.

The Blazers were without reserve guard Mo Williams, who has a groin injury. Williams played just 9 minutes in Game 2, and the Spurs' backups outscored Portland's 50-19.

Williams has consistently brought a spark and leadership off the bench the whole season, and has capably filled in while Lillard rests. Earl Watson and Will Barton helped spell starter Damian Lillard in Game 3.

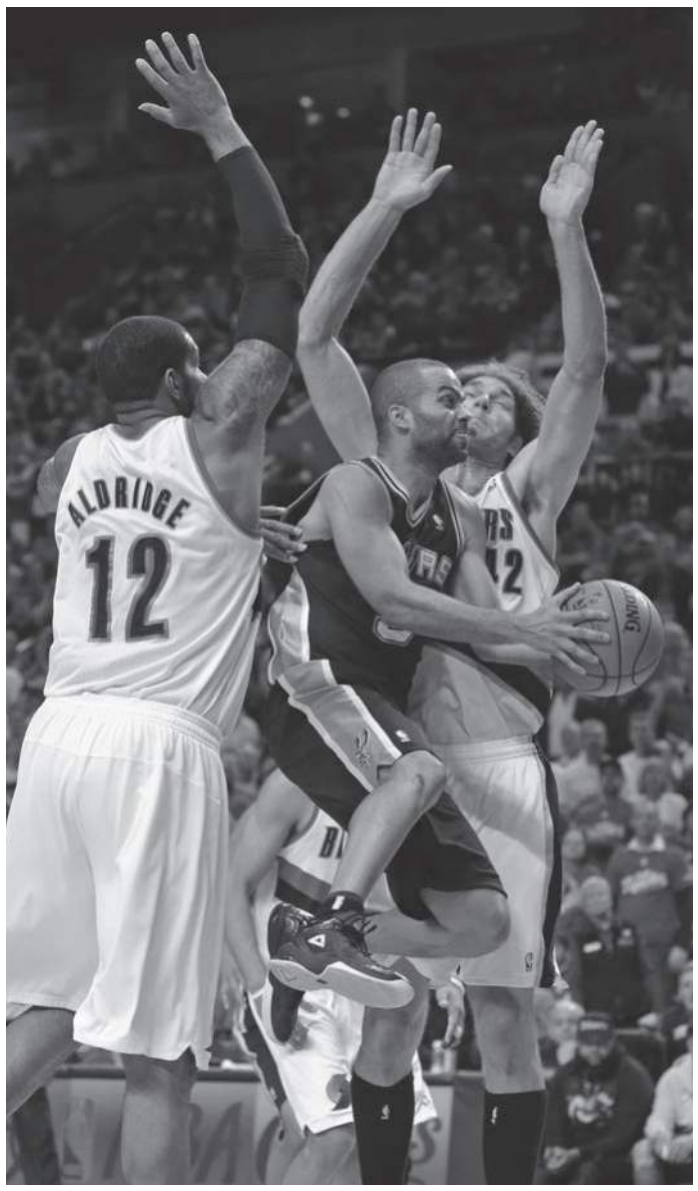
The Blazers took a brief 13-12 lead midway through the first quarter on Lillard's step-back jumper. It was just their second lead of the series.

But Parker pestered the Blazers and his finger-roll layup put the Spurs up 25-15. Marco Belinelli's falling-down jumper pushed the lead to 28-17 before the first quarter was over.

Parker's back-to-back 3-pointers gave the Spurs a 58-35 late first-half lead and they went into the break ahead 60-40.

Portland rallied to start the second half, pulling to 64-52 after Nicolas Batum's 3-pointer. He hit another 3 to narrow it to 68-60, but the Spurs kept the Blazers from coming any closer and led 83-69 going into the fourth.

Parker's layup and free throw gave San Antonio a 100-81 lead in the fourth. Portland mounted a rally to get to 103-91 on Robin Lopez's layup with 5:46 left but it was too late.



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San Antonio Spurs' Tony Parker (9) drives to the basket as Portland Trail Blazers' LaMarcus Aldridge (12) and Robin Lopez, right, defend in the third quarter during Game 3 of a Western Conference semifinal NBA basketball playoff series Saturday, May 10, 2014, in Portland, Ore.

"Pop, you have to give him credit. He looked at the big picture, and rested me (the last month)," Parker said. "When we started the playoffs, he told me `Be ready to play 37-38 minutes a game, we're going to need you to play at your best.' And so far it's working."

Portland advanced to the second round for the first time in 14 years by defeating the Houston Rockets in six games, clinching the series with Lillard's amazing 3-pointer at the buzzer at home for a 99-98 victory in the deciding game.

The Spurs have a 3-2 series advantage over Portland in the playoffs, sweeping the previous meeting in the 1999 conference finals. The teams split the regular-season series 2-2.

Nets 104, Heat 90

In New York, two losses in Miami didn't faze Paul Pierce, nor did 16 quick points by LeBron James.

The postseason, Pierce said repeatedly, is no time to panic. And the Heat, apparently, are nothing to fear.

"We're not scared of them," Pierce said.

Joe Johnson scored 19 points, Andray Blatche had career playoff highs of 15 points and 10 rebounds, and the Brooklyn Nets handed the Heat their first loss this postseason, 104-90 on Saturday night in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Pierce scored 14 points, Deron Williams and Kevin Garnett bounced back from awful offensive efforts, and the Nets withstood James' 16-point first quarter and held him to two baskets over the final three quarters.

"Tonight was the type of urgency we're going to need for the rest of the series," Pierce said.

Brooklyn, which swept Miami in the regular season, can tie the series with a victory at home Monday night in Game 4.

"I think this is a must-win coming up Monday," Garnett said. "If we want to give ourselves any type of room ... any type of chance, I think that we've definitely got to take care of home."

James scored 28 points for the Heat, who hadn't even faced a fourth-quarter deficit in these playoffs before having their eight-game winning streak in the postseason snapped. It was their first loss since Game 5 of the NBA Finals.

The two-time defending champions were having an easy path to another finals, winning their last four games by double digits. But the Nets shook off the Heat's sizzling start, then held them to 33 points over the middle two quarters to take control.

"I've been part of a lot of series and understand that the series is never won in two games or in three games," James said. "And you move onto the next one and you learn from the previous one how you can get better."

Mirza Teletovic and Shaun Livingston each scored 12 points for the Nets in their first home postseason victory ever against the Heat. Teletovic made four of Brooklyn's 15 3-pointers.

Williams, 0 for 9 in Game 2, shot just 3 for 11 but finished with nine points and 11 assists. Garnett, just 2 for 10 for four total points in Miami, shot 5 of 6 for 10 points and seven rebounds.

Dwyane Wade scored 20 points and James grabbed eight rebounds, but his night fell well short of what it could have been after his ferocious first quarter.

He made a free throw to bring Miami to 59-56 in the third quarter, but Teletovic made a 3-pointer, followed by baskets by Blatche, Johnson and Livingston to make it 68-56. Teletovic made two more 3s and Williams knocked down another before the end of the quarter, which ended with the Nets ahead 77-63.

Teletovic opened the fourth with another 3, and Alan Anderson hit a pair later in the period while also getting in a skirmish with Ray Allen that led to double technical fouls. The Nets held Allen to two baskets after he hurt them in both games in Miami.

The Nets shot 53 percent from the field, 60 percent from behind the arc, and outrebounded the Heat 43-27. Brooklyn outscored Miami 53-41 in the second half, making 20 of 33 shots.

"To sum it up, they outplayed us. They outplayed us, particularly in that whole second half," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

Williams ended his slump with the game's first basket, but Miami made eight of its first 11 shots, including one by James while Pierce was trying to wrap him up and was called for a flagrant foul. James was 6 of 7 in the period, and the Nets were lucky to be down only 30-29 when Livingston threw in a 36-footer just before the buzzer.

James then took just one shot in the second, a missed 3-pointer, and the Nets pulled ahead late in the period and took a 51-49 lead into halftime.

Picking Sam, Rams welcome 1st openly gay player

NEW YORK (AP)—Michael Sam waited and waited. Hours passed, rounds came and went, and eventually, there were only eight more picks left on the third and final day of the NFL draft.

For just a moment, it looked as if his chance of being picked by a pro team and becoming the league's first openly gay player might take a detour. Or at least be delayed.

The call finally came in Saturday from the St. Louis Rams, the team right down the road from where Sam played his college ball at the University of Missouri.

Sam was selected in the seventh and final round and admitted it was a frustrating wait. He said teams that passed on him chickened out and he should have been drafted sooner.

"From last season alone, I should've been in the first three rounds. SEC Defensive Player of the Year, All-American," Sam said. He stopped short of directly saying his stock dropped in the draft because he came out.

"You know what, who knows? Who knows? Only the people who sit in the war room know," he said. "They saw Michael Sam, day after day they scratched it off the board. That was their loss. But St. Louis kept me on that board. And you know what I feel like I'm a (Jadeveon) Clowney, a first draft pick. I'm proud of where I am now."

Sam came out as gay in media interviews earlier this year. His team and coaches knew his secret and kept it for his final college season. He went on to have the best year of his career: He was the co-defensive player of the year in the nation's best college football conference and had 11.5 sacks.

The pick came after several rounds of suspense. The first round of the day, No. 4 overall, came and went, no Sam. Then the fifth and sixth, and finally, the day was down to just a handful of picks.

When Mike Kensil, the NFL's vice president of game operations, walked to the podium at Radio City Music Hall in the draft's final minutes to announce the Rams' second-to-last pick, the crowd got a sense something was up. Very few of the last day picks were announced at the podium. Twitter lit up with suggestions the Rams were about to make news.

When Kensil said: "The St. Louis Rams select ... Michael Sam..." the fans gave a hearty cheer, chanting "Yes! Yes! Yes!" and "Michael Sam!"

Sam was in San Diego watching with friends and family at the home of his agent, Joe Barkett of Empire Athletes. ESPN and the NFL Network had cameras there and showed Sam's reaction.

Sam was on the phone bending over, with his boyfriend hugging him and rubbing his left bicep. When Sam got off the phone, the tears started. He gave his boyfriend a big kiss and a long hug as he cried and his eyes reddened. After, they shared cake—and another kiss.

"Thank you to the St. Louis Rams and the whole city of St. Louis. I'm using every once of this to achieve greatness!!" Sam tweeted with a frenzied typo moments after he was picked, with a picture of himself wearing a Rams cap and a pink polo shirt.

The 6-foot-2, 255-pound Sam was considered a mid-to-late round pick, far from a sure thing to be drafted. He played defensive end in college, but he's short for that position in the NFL and slower than most outside linebackers, the position he'll need to transition to at the professional level.

He was taken with the 249th overall pick out of 256. Players from Marist, Maine and McGill University in Canada were selected before Sam.

"In the world of diversity we live in now, I'm honored to be a part of this," Rams coach Jeff Fisher said during an interview on ESPN.

The NFL had no comment on Sam being drafted.

Orioles slip past Astros 5-4 in 10 innings

BALTIMORE (AP)—Steve Clevenger hit an RBI double in the 10th inning to extend the Baltimore Orioles' winning streak to five games with a 5-4 victory over the Houston Astros on Saturday night.

J.J. Hardy had an infield single with one out in the 10th before Clevenger hit a double down the right field line off Paul Clemens (0-1).

The Astros have lost seven of their past eight games.

Houston's Jose Altuve hit a two-out, two RBI single in the ninth inning off Baltimore closer Tommy Hunter that gave the Astros a 4-3 lead.

However, Astros right-hander Anthony Bass loaded the bases with two outs on two singles and a walk before pinch hitter Delmon Young tied the game with an infield single.

Ryan Webb (2-0) pitched a scoreless 10th for Baltimore.

Athletics 4, Nationals 3, 10 innings

In Oakland, Calif., John Jaso doubled in pinch-runner Nick Punto with two outs in the 10th inning to lift Oakland over Washington.

The A's scored twice in the ninth off Nationals' closer Rafael Soriano to force extras and storm back for their third walk-off win this season after being limited to two hits over the first eight innings.

Alberto Callaspo singled off reliever Drew Storen (2-1) to lead off the 10th before Punto replaced him at first. Storen retired Eric Sogard and Derek Norris before Jaso hit a towering fly ball that ricocheted off the scoreboard in right field as Punto rounded the bases and scored.

Sean Doolittle (1-2) pitched one inning for the win to help Oakland overcome an uneven outing by starter Sonny Gray.

The Nationals were three outs from winning and had their rock-solid closer on the mound before Oakland greeted Soriano with three consecutive hits to open the ninth.

Red Sox 8, Rangers 3

In Arlington, Texas, David Ortiz homered and doubled, Shane Victorino drove in four runs with three hits and Boston beat Texas.

A night after they managed only a single by Ortiz off Yu Darvish, the Red Sox broke loose. And there will be no official scoring debates for Ortiz after he hit his seventh home run and lined a double into the right-field corner.

Jon Lester (4-4) gave up three runs and four hits in seven innings, a week after striking out a career-high 15 against Oakland. The lefty struck out eight, matching Detroit's Max Scherzer at 66 for the American League lead.

Ortiz broke up Darvish's no-hit bid Friday night with a clean single with two outs in the ninth inning. There also was his towering flyball in the seventh that dropped untouched but was ruled an error after Darvish had retired the first 20 Red Sox hitters, a scoring decision Ortiz indicated Saturday that he will appeal.

Ortiz pulled the first pitch of the third into the right-field seats. His double came an inning later, when he scored as a part of a four-run outburst for a 6-0 lead.

Martin Perez (4-3) lost his third consecutive start since the end of his 26-inning scoreless streak. The lefty allowed six runs and 14 base runners (nine hits, four walks and a hit batter) in only 3 2-3 innings.

Angels 5, Blue Jays 3

In Toronto, Tyler Skaggs pitched into the ninth inning and retired 21 straight batters, leading Los Angeles over Toronto.

Rookie C.J. Cron hit his first major league homer and Chris Iannetta added a two-run shot as Angels won their sixth in a row at Toronto dating to 2012.

Angels bench coach Dino Ebel ran the team for the second straight day while manager Mike Scioscia attended his daughter's college graduation. Scioscia is due to return Sunday.

Skaggs (3-1) gave up two earned runs and four hits, leaving after Jose Reyes and Melky Cabrera started the bottom of the ninth with back-to-back singles.

Skaggs retired Dioner Navarro on a fly ball to end the first inning and didn't permit another runner until the eighth.

Joe Smith gave up an RBI single to Jose Bautista in the ninth, then got Edwin Encarnacion to ground into a force-out. Navarro made it 5-3 with an RBI single before Smith got pinch-hitter Adam Lind to ground into a double play for his fourth save in six chances.

Making his second start since moving from the bullpen into the rotation last Monday, J.A. Happ (1-1) lasted just 2 1-3 innings, allowing four runs and seven hits.

Tigers 9, Twins 3

In Detroit, Miguel Cabrera hit a three-run homer that capped a six-run second inning, sending Max Scherzer and Detroit past Minnesota.

On a day when the Tigers honored former manager Jim Leyland, they won with a familiar formula they used to reach the playoffs under him: Power by Cabrera, the two-time AL MVP, and pitching by Scherzer, the reigning Cy Young Award winner.

Cabrera connected for his fifth homer, tagging Kyle Gibson (3-3). Victor Martinez also homered, giving him eight this season and four in the last six games.

AP

Baltimore Orioles' Steve Clevenger, left, celebrates his game-winning double with teammate Adam Jones in the 10th inning of a baseball game against the Houston Astros, Saturday, May 10, 2014, in Baltimore.

Scherzer (5-1) wasn't sharp yet still won, giving up three runs on five hits and four walks in six innings. He struck out six — his team-record streak of fanning at least seven in seven starts to begin a season ended.

Diamondbacks 4, White Sox 3

In Chicago, Wade Miley pitched seven strong innings, Cody Ross had three hits and Arizona beat Chicago.

Miley (3-3) allowed two runs on four hits while striking out six and not allowing a walk. His only mistake came on an 0-1 pitch in the fifth inning that Paul Konerko hit over the left-field fence for a two-run home run.

Former White Sox closer Addison Reed flirted with disaster in his first meeting against his former team before getting his 11th save in 12 chances. Reed, who was traded to the Diamondbacks from the White Sox in the offseason, gave up a leadoff single to pinch-hitter Conor Gillaspie, who ended up scoring on Alexei Ramirez's two-out single. Ramirez stole second but was stranded after Reed got Konerko to bounce out to second.

The White Sox lost for just the second time in seven games.

White Sox starter Jose Quintana (1-3) went six innings, allowing three runs on seven hits with five strikeouts and a walk.

Rays 7, Indians 1

In St. Petersburgh, Fla., Erik Bedard gave up one hit in six shutout innings, James Loney had three hits and drove in two runs, and Tampa Bay broke a four-game skid with a victory over Cleveland.

Winning his second straight start after 15 consecutive starts without a win, Bedard gave up a double to Ryan Raburn in the second inning, Cleveland's only hit until Lonnie Chisenhall led off the ninth with a single off Grant Balfour.

Juan Carlos Oviedo took over in the seventh for Bedard (2-1) and pitched two perfect innings.

Zach McAllister (3-3) gave up eight hits and five runs in 4 1-3 innings for the Indians, who had won four straight. McAllister is winless in four starts since winning three straight.

Mariners 3, Royals 1

In Seattle, Chris Young pitched eight efficient innings, Justin Smoak and Dustin Ackley homered, and Seattle beat Kansas City.

Young (3-0) allowed three hits, while striking out three and walking none. The tall right-hander needed just 96 pitches, setting down the lineup in order in five of his eight innings.

Fernando Rodney pitched around a two-out single in the ninth inning to record his 11th save in 12 attempts.

Smoak gave the Mariners a 2-1 lead in the fourth, hitting a no-doubter into the seats in right field for a two-run home run.

Ackley added a solo shot to right in the sixth inning off Royals starter Yordano Ventura.

Ventura (2-2) allowed three runs in 6 1-3 innings. The right-hander issued a season-high four walks, while notching a season-low three strikeouts.

Dodgers 6, Giants 2

In Los Angeles, Yasiel Puig and Dee Gordon broke open a tie game with consecutive RBI doubles in the seventh inning against San Francisco's bullpen, Matt Kemp homered in the eighth and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the NL West-leading.

Zack Greinke (6-1) allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings, striking out eight and walking three. The right-hander extended his streak to 20 consecutive starts in which he's allowed fewer than three runs — the longest by any pitcher since the "dead ball" era.

The Dodgers took the lead in the seventh against reliever Jeremy Affeldt (0-1) when Drew Butera doubled and scored on Gordon's hit inside third base with Pablo Sandoval playing in on the grass with the Dodgers' speedy leadoff hitter at bat. Puig then greeted Jean Machi with a ground-rule double into the left field corner.

Padres 9, Marlins 3

In San Diego, Chase Headley hit a three-run homer in his return to the lineup, Seth Smith drove in four runs and San Diego had a second straight big night at the plate.

Headley, who came off the 15-day disabled list before the game, connected on a 2-2 fastball from Carlos Marmol (0-3) to cap a four-run sixth inning and give the Padres a 6-2 lead.

San Diego, which came in averaging a major league-low 2.8 runs per game, was coming off its highest scoring output since Sept. 25, a 10-1 win over Miami on Friday.

Braves 2, Cubs 0

In Atlanta, Ervin Santana pitched five-hit ball for seven innings to remain unbeaten, Ryan Doumit snapped a scoreless tie with a pinch-hit double in the seventh and Atlanta beat Chicago.

Santana (4-0) overcame a rain delay in the third inning and outlasted Cubs right-hander Jeff Samardzija, who had his long winless streak continue. Samardzija lowered his ERA to 1.45, second in the NL, but he is still without a win this season.

Santana walked one and struck out seven. Samardzija allowed only two hits with one walk and seven strikeouts in six innings.

Pirates 4, Cardinals 3

In Pittsburgh, Pedro Alvarez singled in the go-ahead run and Pittsburgh won its season-high fourth straight game.

Alvarez's hit capped a four-run fourth inning against Lance Lynn (4-2) that helped the Pirates wipe out a 3-0 deficit.

Josh Harrison and Ike Davis each had two hits for the Pirates, who have won 11 of their last 14 games against the Cardinals in Pittsburgh. Harrison also hit an RBI single in the fourth.

Jared Hughes (2-0) retired all four batters he faced in relief of starter Edinson Volquez. Mark Melancon earned his fourth save with a scoreless ninth.

Pirates outfielder Starling Marte was lifted for a pinch-hitter because of tightness in his lower back.

Rockies 11, Reds 2

In Cincinnati, Corey Dickerson hit two home runs and two doubles, driving in a career-high four runs for Colorado.

Charlie Blackmon, Justin Morneau and Troy Tulowitzki also homered for the Rockies. Nolan Arenado doubled twice, a day after his 28-game hitting streak ended.

The Rockies got 11 extra-base hits, making things easy for Jordan Lyles (5-0). He struck out eight in six innings and left with a 10-2 lead.

Alfredo Simon (4-2) was tagged for a season-high eight hits and five runs in three innings.

Phillies 5, Mets 4

In New York, Ryan Howard had four hits, including a tiebreaking single in the ninth inning, and Jimmy Roll ins homered and scored four times to lead Philadelphia past slumping New York.

Chase Utley drove in two runs for the Phillies, who have won the first two games of the series against their NL East foes after dropping four straight to Toronto.

David Wright hit his first home run since opening day, ending the longest drought of his career, and had three RBIs. But the Mets wasted another great chance to score in the late innings, losing their fifth straight and eighth in nine games.

Brewers 5, Yankees 4

In Milwaukee, Rickie Weeks hit a two-out RBI single after Jonathan Lucroy moved to third on a balk, Francisco Rodriguez earned his league-leading 15th save and Milwaukee snapped a three-game skid.

Lucroy, Carlos Gomez and Aramis Ramirez each homered off Yankees starter CC Sabathia.

Weeks' chopper skipped through the hole into left in the seventh off Alfredo Aceves (0-1), who was called for a balk two pitches earlier.

Spieth goes bogey-free and ties Kaymer at Players

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Jordan Spieth couldn't see any of the 240 yards to the green on the toughest hole at the TPC Sawgrass. He was in the rough so far right of the 14th fairway that he was closer to a water hazard on No. 12 that he didn't know even existed. His ball was on the back side of a mound. One wrong move could have led to a big number.

"Probably the best shot I've hit here this week," Spieth said Saturday.

The contact was perfect. The ball landed about pin-high in a bunker, setting up another par.

It was like that all day at The Players Championship.

Every time the 20-year-old Texan landed in trouble, he answered with a recovery shot, a chip-and-run, and always a putt that kept him without a bogey through 54 holes and gave him a share of the lead with Martin Kaymer going into the final round.

Spieth's final act was an escape through the trees on the 18th hole and a 12-foot par putt from the fringe for a 1-under 71. Kaymer missed his par putt from just inside 10 feet on the final hole and had to settle for a 72.

They were at 12-under 204, three shots clear of former Players winner Sergio Garcia (69) and John Senden (68).

Not since Greg Norman won The Players in 1994 has anyone gone through the opening three rounds without a bogey. Then again, Spieth has shown over the last year that he is capable of remarkable feats.

"I didn't play with him the first two days, but there were a couple today where you think it's a tough one to save par, and he always pulled it off," Kaymer said. "If it wasn't a brilliant chip, it was a good putt. So it's very tough to beat those guys that don't make mistakes. ... Seems like he doesn't make many mistakes."

Kaymer wasn't too shabby on the toughest day all week at Sawgrass - warm, humid, blustery and increasingly frightening. He picked up a pair of birdies on the front nine to build a two-shot lead, only to lost two birdie opportunities on the par 5s on the back nine.

Even when he heard a few cheers after missing his par putt on the 18th, which allowed Spieth to share the lead, Kaymer was in a good spot. A former world No. 1 and major champion, Kaymer is trying to end more than two years without winning.

"It's very important that you enjoy the day," Kaymer said. "It's a rare opportunity that you're in the leading group one of the biggest tournaments we play all year."

For Spieth, who still didn't have a PGA Tour card last year, the final group is familiar territory. He has contended on the weekend in four tournaments already this year, and only a month ago had a two-shot lead with 11 holes to play in the Masters until he finished in a tie for second behind Bubba Watson.

AP

Martin Kaymer, of Germany, waves after making birdie on the sixth hole during the third round of The Players championship golf tournament at TPC Sawgrass, Saturday, May 10, 2014, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

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Jaime Pangelinan.

Duplicating McDonald's close playoff win were the Braves, who needed two extra innings to thwart the determined Little Legals. Relief pitcher Vicente Camacho saved the Braves season, as made the game-winning hit, blasting a single at the bottom of the eighth inning to drive home Isaiah Teigita.

Before Camacho's crucial hit, the Little Legals threatened the Braves, leading at 3-1, going into the bottom of the sixth inning. The Braves went on to force an extension, thanks to catcher Joe Tudela, who notched an RBI double and reached home off a Little Legals error at second base. In the first extra inning, neither team scored with the Little Legals going 1-2-3, while closer Pedro Maratita getting two strikeouts, including the last that left the Braves' Anthony Dizon stranded at third. In the second extra fame, the Little Legals had a good chance to score, but were caught stealing third for the third out, leaving two runners stuck. As for the Braves, they got off to a bad start at the bottom eighth with Tudela flying out before Teigita advanced to first off Maratita's error and was later driven home by Camacho's base hit.

While the Braves needed extra innings to oust their foe, it took the Falcons half an inning early to march into the semifinals. Justin Cangco pitched the defending and pennant champions to victory, taking care of the mound for 3.6 innings and allowing only three hits and one earned run. Aven Evangelista relieved him in the latter portion of the top of the fourth and gave up no hits, while striking out two.

J.P. Celis scored Laolao Bay's lone run in the fourth inning off Kavika Fernandez's RBI single, while the Falcons made it to the board in the first four innings to dictate the tempo of the game. The Falcons got three runs in the first inning and one each in the next three.

Comets I also took only five and a half innings to boot out the Enforcers. The easy win was highlighted by Francisco Frederick's two-run homer at the bottom of the first inning. Frederick and company went on to bag seven runs in the first inning for a promising 7-1 advantage. Comets I kept its safe distance and cruised past the Enforcers after allowing the latter to score in only two of the last five innings.

The Enforcers were without runs in the second and third inning before saving three at the top of the fourth, but still trailed, 4-11, as Comets I added two runs each in the second and fourth. The Enforcers than made one final push at the top of the sixth, drilling four runs, but Comets I halted the rally with a double play with catcher Sebastian Saures catching a fly ball and then throwing to second baseman Tyrone Ongelungel, who tagged out Ignacio Mendiola.

Meanwhile, Comets I challenged the Falcons for the first finals berth yesterday, while the Braves and McDonald's dueled for the second finals seat. Results of both matches will be reported in *Saipan Tribune*'s Tuesday edition.

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Eda, Amami Sakano, Elthan Wong, Joshua Mendiola, Nelton Skerei, had a close fight against the Jason Lampkin-led Kagman High School. The Ayuyus collected 140 points to settle for the runner-up honor

The Manta Rays earned their first victory in the annual tournament without a coach in tow.

"These guys are so determined to compete that they went to the series of qualifiers without a coach and now they are the champions," said tournament director Elias Rangamar, who even teased the Manta Rays when he announced that it was MHS who took the boys championship and not Southern.

Eda and company were already celebrating at the call room before Rangamar intentionally made the wrong announcement, which he quickly retracted, as he congratulated the Manta Rays for their strong showing in the competition that kicked off last Thursday.

Southern, which finished only fifth last year, received the championship trophy at the awards ceremony from McDonald's general manager Marcia Ayuyu and her son Joe. Also getting trophies were Kagman and third placer Tinian High School, which collected 62 points. Agape Christian School (33) placed fourth, followed by MHS (28), Marianas Baptist Academy (8), and Saipan International School (1).

In the girls division, MHS led Kagman and Agape in the podium. The Lady Dolphins were the runaway winners in the U18 division to extend their reign in the competition. They earned 211 points against the 70 and 60 of Kagman and Agape, respectively.

Suiting for the MHS' girls team were Friendly Joy Pena, Zarinae Sapong, Alexandra Vergara, Sharmaine Alarzar, Panida Eitz, and Negahr Rastguiy, while Preston Basa coached the squad. The Lady Dolphins had representatives in all 14 events and took first place in majority of the competitions.

Three others schools joined the girls U18 division with MBA finishing fourth with its 28 points and Southern and SIS getting eight markers apiece.

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took only two sets to beat the mother-and-son tandem of Gigi and Raphael Zapanta, 21-17, 21-15, in the mixed doubles C.

In another mixed doubles C game, Patrick and Vilma Fernandez triumphed in their debut after outclassing Tae Ho Kim and Emily Vargas, 21-12, 21-7.

In the two mixed doubles A games in the opener, siblings Jordan and Janelle Pangilinan drew first blood after sweeping Joel Ortega and Loyda Ito. The Pangilinans notched a 21-12 win in the opening game and picked up where they left off, bagging a 21-10 triumph. The sibling's teammate at Community Badminton Club, Andreau Galvez and Jen Savellano, also made short work of their opponents. Galvez and Savellano were paired against Edwin Montoya and Shirley Kim in the other mixed doubles A match and nailed a 21-16, 21-16 victory.

Meanwhile, three singles matches were played in the opening day of the month-long competition.

In the women's singles B, Dianne Francisco crushed Merlie Tolentino in the first game, 21-6, and completed the sweep with a 21-11 win in the second. In the men's singles B, Aries Cordero was also unstoppable, recording an impressive 21-12, 21-7 victory over Celso Agui.

The other singles match in the opener went the distance with the veteran Glenn Bluutjens surviving youth player Deether Edralin. Bluutjens escaped with a 21-8 win in the first game, but failed to second the match early when Edralin came back swinging with a 21-19 victory. The deciding third game was another nip-and-tuck battle with Bluutjens sweating out a 21-18 triumph.

Last Friday's opener kicked off with IT&E executive director for customer service Rob Harrell turning over the company's $1,200 donation to Northern Marianas Badminton Association president Jerry Tan. The donation turnover ceremony was also attended by other NMBA officials and according to Tolentino, the group's general secretary, the money will be used for cash prizes and trophies.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	20	14	.588	–
New York	19	16	.543	1½
Boston	18	18	.500	3
Toronto	18	19	.486	3½
Tampa Bay	16	21	.432	5½

Central Division

Detroit	21	11	.656	–
Chicago	19	19	.500	5
Kansas City	17	19	.472	6
Cleveland	17	20	.459	6½
Minnesota	16	19	.457	6½

West Division

Oakland	22	15	.595	–
Seattle	19	17	.528	2½
Los Angeles	18	17	.514	3
Texas	19	18	.514	3
Houston	11	26	.297	11

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	20	15	.571	–
Miami	20	17	.541	1
Washington	19	17	.528	1½
Philadelphia	17	18	.486	3
New York	16	19	.457	4

Central Division

Milwaukee	23	14	.622	–
St. Louis	18	19	.486	5
Cincinnati	16	19	.457	6
Pittsburgh	16	20	.444	6½
Chicago	12	23	.343	10

West Division

San Francisco	23	14	.622	–
Colorado	23	16	.590	1
Los Angeles	20	18	.526	3½
San Diego	17	21	.447	6½
Arizona	14	25	.359	10

THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida (AP) – Scores Saturday from The Players Championship, a PGA Tour event played at the 7,215-yard, par-72 Players Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass.

THIRD ROUND

Martin Kaymer	63-69-72–204
Jordan Spieth	67-66-71–204
John Senden	70-69-68–207
Sergio Garcia	67-71-69–207
Matt Jones	70-69-69–208
George McNeill	71-68-69–208
Gary Woodland	67-71-70–208
Francesco Molinari	72-70-67–209
David Hearn	70-71-68–209
Lee Westwood	67-71-71–209
Stewart Cink	70-70-70–210
Jim Furyk	70-68-72–210
Ryan Moore	70-74-67–211
Brandt Snedeker	75-69-67–211
Matt Kuchar	71-71-69–211
Daniel Summerhays	74-68-69–211
Bo Van Pelt	71-70-70–211
Morgan Hoffmann	71-70-70–211
Bubba Watson	69-72-70–211
Henrik Stenson	71-70-70–211
Justin Leonard	68-73-70–211
Bill Haas	68-71-72–211
Justin Rose	67-71-73–211
Brian Stuard	67-76-69–212
Steve Stricker	71-70-71–212
Zach Johnson	69-71-72–212
Brian Davis	72-67-73–212
Rory McIlroy	70-74-69–213
Rory Sabbatini	71-73-69–213
Adam Scott	77-67-69–213
Hideki Matsuyama	70-71-72–213
Chris Kirk	71-73-70–214
Jimmy Walker	75-68-71–214
John Peterson	73-69-72–214
Justin Hicks	73-70-71–214
Dustin Johnson	68-74-72–214
Scott Stallings	67-77-71–215
Ryan Palmer	71-73-71–215
Steven Bowditch	72-72-71–215
Angel Cabrera	70-74-71–215
Jason Dufner	69-74-72–215
Charley Hoffman	77-67-71–215
Scott Langley	71-72-72–215
Ian Poulter	74-69-72–215
Charlie Beljan	73-69-73–215
Martin Flores	70-71-74–215
Jamie Donaldson	74-67-74–215
Freddie Jacobson	70-70-75–215
Kevin Chappell	72-68-75–215
Kevin Na	70-69-76–215
Geoff Ogilvy	69-70-76–215
K.J. Choi	74-70-72–216
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano	67-77-72–216
J.J. Henry	74-70-72–216
Marc Leishman	70-72-74–216
Erik Compton	72-70-74–216
Pat Perez	68-73-75–216
Charl Schwartzel	72-67-77–216
Scott Brown	68-71-77–216
Russell Henley	65-71-80–216
Russell Knox	72-72-73–217
Jeff Maggert	72-71-74–217
Retief Goosen	72-70-75–217
Brendan Steele	69-73-75–217
Billy Horschel	72-70-75–217
Luke Donald	73-69-75–217
Graeme McDowell	69-71-77–217
Brendon de Jonge	69-74-75–218
Kyle Stanley	73-69-76–218
Richard H. Lee	71-71-76–218

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2014 McDonald's/PSS All Schools Athletics Championships Part 1

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Marianas High School's Gabrielle Race paces runners in the 3,000m run.

Participants in the mixed relay pose for a photo after completing the race last Saturday during the 2014 McDonald's/PSS All Schools Athletics Championships held at the Oleai Sports Complex.

A Tinian High School student runs the track before doing the long jump.

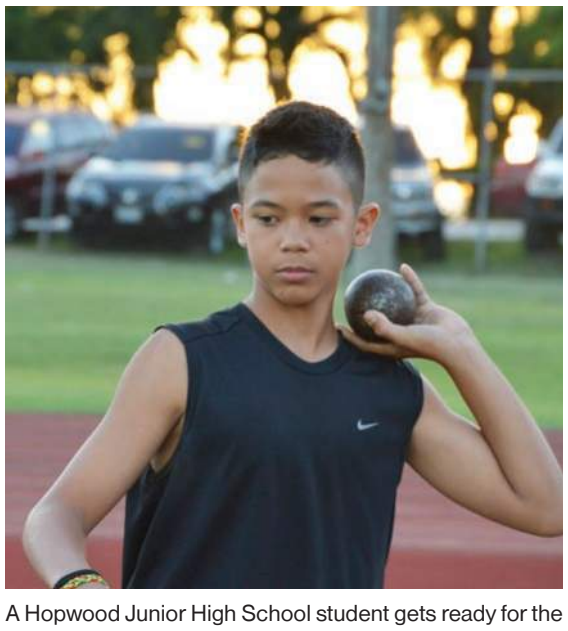
Agape Christian School's Mack Guintu goes for his first try in the long jump event, while other participants wait for their turn.

Whispering Palms' Blake Mister competes in the long jump.

A San Vicente Elementary School student leaps for the long jump.

Saipan Southern High School's Seiya Eda leads the 3,000m race.

Volunteer Dolores Rangamar checks on the names of the runners



A Hopwood Junior High School student gets ready for the shot put throw.

Spurs go up 3-0 with 118-103 win over Blazers

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Top 3 teams deliver; McDonald's ousts IT&E

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The Top 3 teams lived up to their lofty billing, while McDonald's pulled off a stunner at the start of the playoff round of the Major division of the 2014 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

In the first win-or-go-home match, the top-ranked and defending champions Falcons downed the last-seeded Laolao Bay, 6-1, while No. 3 finisher Braves eliminated the hard-fighting Little Legals in the third match, 4-3. Joining the Falcons and the Braves in the Final Four were the fourth-ranked Comets I and seventh-seeded McDonald's, which prevailed against No. 5 Enforcers, 12-8, and the No. 2 IT&E, 5-4, respectively.

McDonald's pulled off an upset against its higher-ranked foe after earning a come-from-behind win. Down at 2-4 after five completing innings, McDonald's racked up three runs at the top of the sixth and last inning to steal the lead and kept it after a 1-2-3 play at the bottom.

A fielding error from IT&E second baseman Denzel Pangelinan gave McDonald's two runs and tied the match, while Jared Reyes scored the go-ahead run off an RBI walk from Kiku Hapdei. McDonald's then hung on to the shaky lead with the shortstop Reyes tagging and second baseman L.J. Reyes teaming up for a double play at second and third and first baseman Donovan Deleon Guerrero grounding out IT&E third batter

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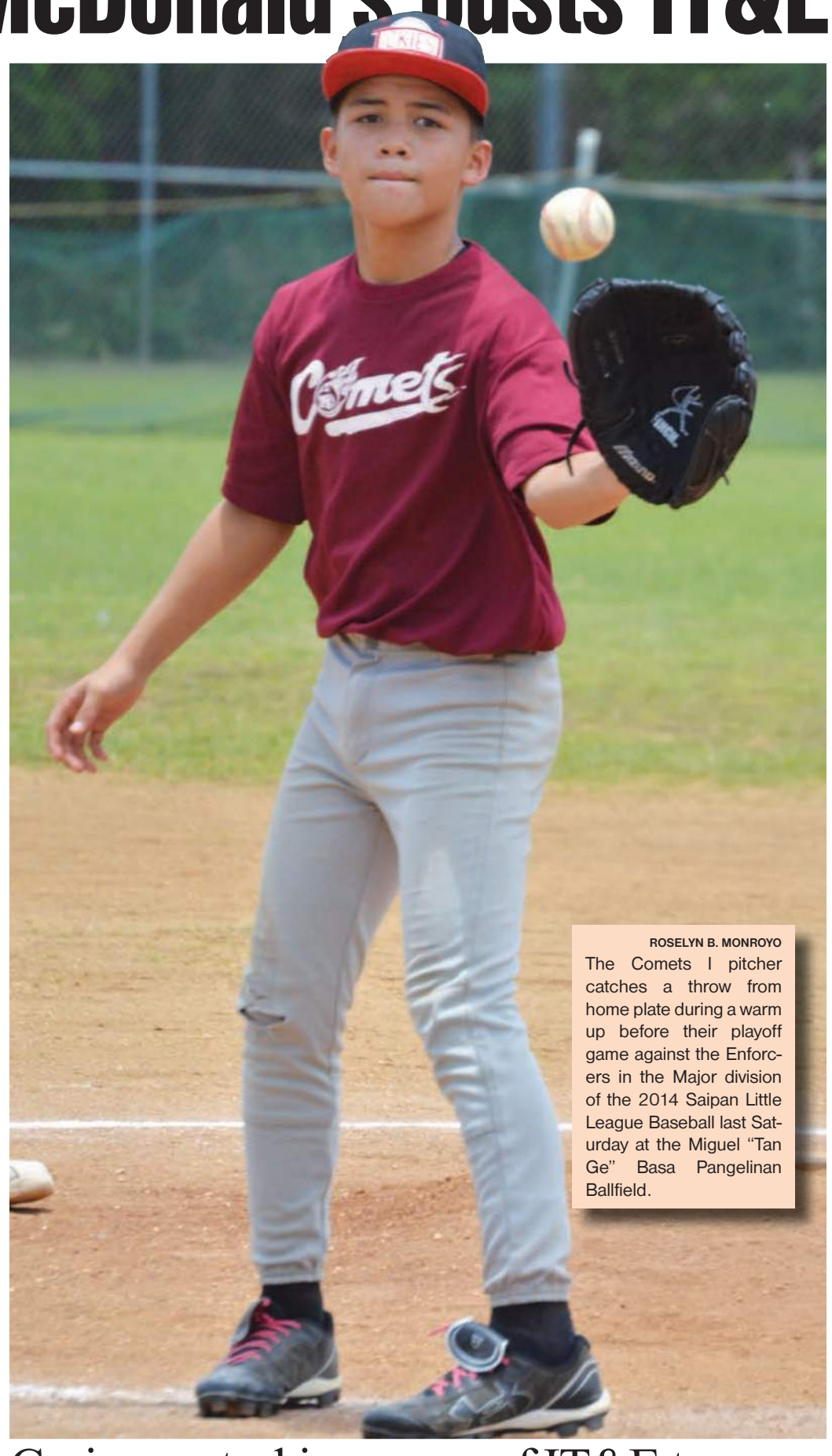

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Comets I pitcher catches a throw from home plate during a warm up before their playoff game against the Enforcers in the Major division of the 2014 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

Southern, MHS share high school honors

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Saipan Southern High School and Marianas High School split the top honors in the high school division of the 2014 McDonald's/PSS All Schools Athletics Championship that concluded last Saturday after three days of competition at the Oleai Sports Complex.

The Manta Rays bagged the boys overall championship after collecting 148 points, qualifying in 12 of the 14 events in the high school division. Southern earned majority of their points from the running events, getting 23 in the 800M, 22 in the 3,000m, 14 in the 60m, 12 each in the 100m and 200m, 10 apiece in the 4x100m and 4x400m relay, and nine in the 400m. The team added six and eight points from javelin and shot-put, respectively. Points were awarded based on how participants were ranked in the event with 10 going to the top finisher.

Southern, which was composed of Dylan Ackerman, Christopher Galvan, Seiya

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Two runners sprint to the finish line during the 3,000m run in the boys high school division of the 2014 McDonald's/PSS All Schools Athletics Championships last Friday at the Oleai Sports Complex.

Cruise control in opener of IT&E tourney

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REPORTER

Five pairs coasted past their respective foes in the opening day of the 2014 IT&E Mixed Doubles and Singles Badminton Tournament last Friday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

In the mixed doubles B, Vic Regis and Cheng Saturno walloped Roger Vales and Heo In Souk, 21-2, 21-18, while Eydie Uy and Merlie Savellano also

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
IT&E executive director for customer service Rob Harrell, standing right, turns over the company's $1,200 donation to NMBA president Jerry Tan, standing left, for the 2014 IT&E Mixed Doubles and Singles Badminton Tournament last Friday night at the TSL Sports Complex.